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DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

N. B. Crouse, a Brakeman on the B. & S. R. R. Attempts to Cross the Track to Signal the Conductor and is Caught Beneath the Cars.

Both Legs Severed.—Expires on the Way to the Hospital.

Jamison City was the scene of a distressing accident on Saturday when N. B. Crouse, of Forks, a brakeman on the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad was caught beneath the wheels of a train and both legs cut off. When the report of the accident first reached town it was said that Crouse had thrown open the switch and was crossing the track when he was knocked down by the train. From a more reliable source we are informed that he had just broken a coupling and had attempted to step from one car to another, when he fell beneath the cars and was run over. Both legs above the knee were terribly crushed and he was otherwise bruised. He was removed to the station, near by, by fellow-workmen and medical aid summoned.

He was brought to Bloomsburg by Dr. Carey and Mrs. Crouse, wife of the unfortunate man, who joined them at Forks. They were met here by Dr. Redeker and Supt. Campbell, of the B. & S. R. R. Co., who assisted in transfering him to the D. L. & W. train. He was to be taken to the Wilkes-Barre Hospital but when the train reached Plymouth he was dead.

The body was transferred to the south-bound train arriving here at 8:17 and was taken up by a special train on the B. & S. to his home at Forks.

It is a sad blow to his wife who has lost a kind, indulgent husband and she is now left alone with a little child. Mysterious indeed, and past finding out, are the ways of the all wise Providence. The entire community extends general and heartfelt sympathy to the grief-stricken wife.

N. B. Crouse was about thirty-five years of age. The funeral occurred Wednesday morning. Services were conducted in the Zion Church by Rev. A. Houtz, of Orangeville. Interment was made in the cemetery belonging to the church.

With the Wheelmen.

Guy Sleppy and Clem R. Weiss won the first and second prizes at the gentlemen's euchre Tuesday evening.

The club is in a better financial condition now than at any time in its history. The membership fees more than pay all the running expenses, and the revenue derived from the pool table, cigars and euchre parties constitutes a substantial balance which goes into the treasury at the end of each month.

J. Warren Lee is the club's present efficient treasurer.

The handicap pool tournament is now on and is proving very interesting. There are twenty contestants. The scratch men, three in number, are Gerald Gross, H. J. Achenbach and D. J. Tasker. The last named is the present pool champion of the club, he having defeated H. J. Achenbach in a hundred ball match Saturday evening.

WILLIAM S. MOYER STRICKEN.

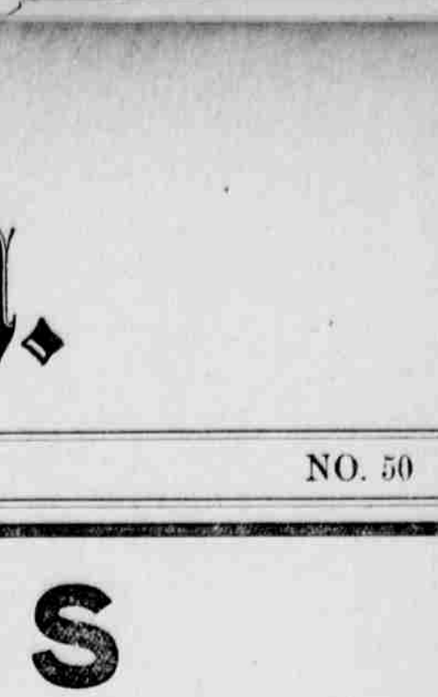
On Monday evening at about nine o'clock William S. Moyer of the firm of Moyer Bros. and President of the Farmers National Bank, had a paralytic stroke in the store. Doctors Bruner and Reber were summoned and he was removed to his home. His condition has grown worse, and this morning there is but slight hope of his recovery.

The death of Robert Bogert, which occurred at his home in Millville Sunday evening, has called forth many expressions of sorrow, especially from those who knew him while he resided in town. During his residence in Bloomsburg he clerked for S. R. Bidleman, and it was while thus engaged that the symptoms of the fatal malady consumption manifested themselves. He was twenty-two years of age. The funeral occurred yesterday morning. Rev. McLinn of the Lutheran Church officiated. Interment at Light Street.

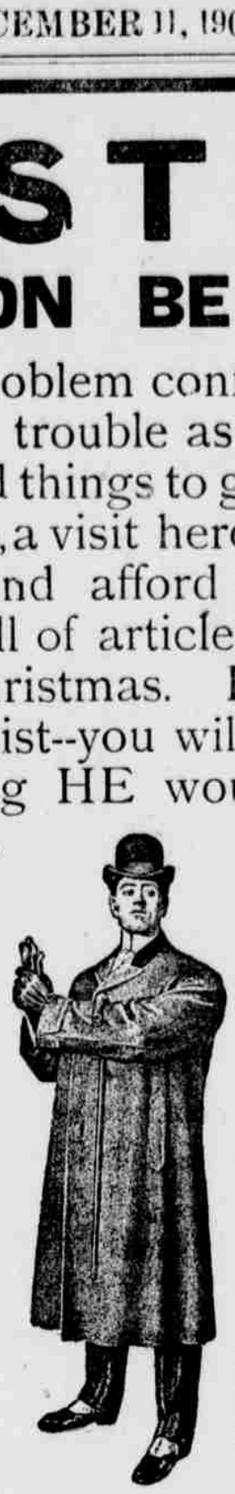
W. S. Rishton moved into his new house on Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS
WILL SOON BE HERE

THE usual problem confronts you ---same old trouble as last year. "It's hard to find things to give men." If you find it so, a visit here will help you to decide and afford you relief. Our store is full of articles suitable for a man's Christmas. Run your eyes down this list--you will certainly strike something HE would be delighted to have.



Overcoat, Gloves, Night Robe, Shirts,



Suit, Cap, Bath Robes,

Smoking Jacket, Hosiery, Muffler, Raincoat, Shirt Protectors, Handkerchiefs, Etc., Etc.

Neckwear, Suspenders, Collars, Cuffs, Umbrella, White Vest, Housecoats, Sweaters, Trunks, Valises, Etc., Etc.

Ben Gidding,

The Clothier,

Bloomsburg, = Penna.

When Christmas shopping we would be pleased to have you come here with your troubles and we'll fix "HIM" out.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Bloomsburg National Bank

At the Close of Business Nov. 25th, 1902.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Investments,	$448,810.34	Capital Stock, - -	$60,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures, -	8,000.00	Surplus and Profits,(Net)	43,134.23
Cash and Reserve, - -	95,343.63	Circulation, - - -	60,000.00
		Individual Deposits, -	386,545.12
		Bank Deposits - - -	2,474.62
	$552,153.97		$552,153.97

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT. WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

[READ MY AD ON 5TH PAGE.]

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We have kept in mind the general demand for really artistic goods at moderate cost, and while the stock contains some elaborate and expensive pieces, it is made up mainly of the more practical sorts

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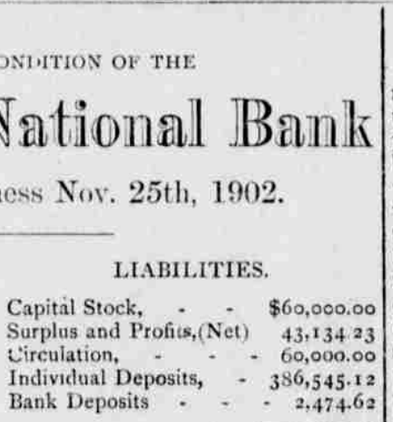

WHETHER your beard grows out—up—down—stiff—or any other way above surface, it's all the same to the New Gem Razor. No other shaving device is capable of overcoming these peculiarities of shaving, in the best interests of your face. A few strokes easily made and you feel as caper as you do after an invigorating wash-up.

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J. G. Wells,

General Hardware,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

SAY THE SUPPLY IS NORMAL

Coal operators throughout the region declare that the complaints of the dealers in New York, Philadelphia and Washington that coal is not being shipped into those cities are without foundation. They are daily in receipt of as much and more coal than on any day before the strike, but the trouble, the operators say, is that the stock on hand was depleted during the progress of the strike and those who were wont to lay in their stocks of coal for the Winter in July now want to have the whole amount for their Winter's use delivered to them at once.

W. H. Krickbaum Dead.

William H. Krickbaum, one of Wilkes-Barre's representative business men, died of heart failure at his home on Parrish street, Wednesday afternoon. The deceased was 61 years old and formerly resided at Cambra where he conducted a store and farm. He was well-known and highly esteemed. Mr. Krickbaum was twice married. His former wife died of heart disease at the Huntington Valley camp ground some years ago. He is survived by wife, nee Miss Abigal Bacon, of Cambra, and a son and daughter, Dr. W. H. Krickbaum, of Pittsburg, and Miss Rozell, who resides at home.

The remains arrived in Bloomsburg on Saturday on the early train and were taken to Benton, where services were conducted. The funeral was largely attended. Burial was made in the Cemetery connected with the Hamline Church.

Too Many Merchants.

Berwick's prosperity is attracting business men from all over the country, and the town is overrun with merchants. The extensive improvements of the American Car and Foundry Company, and the steadily increasing population has given a wonderful impetus, and the town has taken rank as one of the most promising in the state.

F. B. Hartman was in Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday in the interest of Creasy & Wells.

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Christmas

For the festive occasion, we have made extra arrangements at considerable expense. We have gotten our building ready for the crowds that favor us with their presence during the month of December. Under a gigantic umbrella, 18 feet spread, we have arrrnged our toys. The pleasure of seeing our artistic arrangements will repay you for a visit and the child will be delighted.

BOOKS As usual we have a line of all the best selling books at wholesale prices. Nothing better for Christmas gifts.

THE LEADER DEPARTMENT STORE.

Sleeply Hollow Chairs.
$20.00, $25.00, $43.00, Cure for insomnia.

ROCKING CHAIRS.
Golden Oak, Quartered Oak $2.00 up to $10.00.

COMBINATION DESKS.
17.00, 22.00, 28.00 48.00. A useful present.

MUSIC CABINETS.
20.00, 21.00, 25.00, 30.00. A beautiful parlor ornament.

DOLLS—A very large family for adoption this year, From 5c to 50c.

GAMES—A large line of iron toys. Indestructable and will last years.

CROKINOLE-for 1.00. We have a combination board upon which 26 games can be played for 1.50.

HANDKERCHIEFS. In a specially designed fancy box. The box itself is a beauty and designs are private to us.

The Leader Store Company Ltd.,

4th and Market Streets.

DEATH OF T. B. REED

Remains of Ex-Speaker Taken to Portland, Me.

NO CEREMONIES IN WASHINGTON.

Dead Statesman's End Was Peaceful—Was Unconscious For Several Hours—Sketch of a Famous Career.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The house during the day paid a remarkable tribute to the memory of ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed. His death has created a profound impression, and there had been expressed a universal desire among the members that the house show a signal mark of respect to his memory. For the house to take action on the death of a former member had only three precedents in its history—namely, on the occasions of the death of Benton, Blaine and Alexander Stephens, when the house adopted resolutions and adjourned out of respect to their memories. It was decided to follow these precedents in the case of Mr. Reed. In offering a resolution to adjourn Congressman Sherman referred to ex-Speaker Reed as follows: "A distinguished statesman, a lofty patriot, a cultured scholar and incisive writer, a unique orator, an unmatched debater,

THOMAS B. REED.

a master of logic, wit, satire, the most famous of the world's parliamentarians, the great and representative citizen of the American republic has gone into history."

The remains of Hon. Thomas B. Reed, formerly speaker of the house of representatives, who died early Sunday morning, were forwarded to Portland, Me., his former home, a few hours later.

Mr. Reed reached Washington a week ago Sunday, having come to attend to some matters in the United States supreme court. He was at the capitol last Monday visiting with friends and former associates in congress and witnessed the convening of the second session of the Fifty-seventh session. Apparently he was enjoying good health, but later in the day he called on Dr. F. A. Gardner and complained of gastric distress.

The following day his physician compelled him to remain in bed while a diagnosis was made of his condition. Mr. Reed was strongly averse to staying in bed, but a rise in temperature made it imperative that he remain quiet. Symptoms of appendicitis appeared, though his condition was not considered alarming. A trained nurse remained with him throughout Tuesday night, and the patient showed signs of improvement.

Mrs. Reed and daughter arrived Wednesday and remained with Mr. Reed to the end.

Saturday afternoon a decided change for the worse was noted in his condition, and Mr. Reed became unconscious shortly after 8 o'clock. He remained in this condition until the time of his death.

Thomas Brackett Reed was sixty-three years old. He was born in Portland, Me., Oct. 18, 1839. His life may be briefly told in this chronological way: Graduated from Bowdoin college in 1860; joined the United States navy as acting paymaster in 1864; member of the lower house of the Maine legislature in 1868 and 1869; member of the Maine senate in 1870; attorney general of the state of Maine from 1870 to 1872; solicitor of the city of Portland, Me., from 1874 to 1877; representative in congress from Maine from 1877 to 1900, being first elected speaker in 1888; practiced law in New York up to the time of his death.

The early life of Reed was passed in most humble surroundings, for his father was as poor as the proverbial Job's turkey and worked for years as a watchman in Brown's sugar house. Being one of seven children, young Reed had to make his own path in the world. His birthplace is still standing in Portland, and just around the corner is the house in which Henry W. Longfellow first saw the light of day.

REED'S FUNERAL.

Remains of the Dead Statesman Laid at Rest at Portland.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 9.—In the Unitarian church today occurred the funeral of Hon. Thomas B. Reed, an honored son of Maine, for twenty-two years one of her chosen representatives at Washington and for six years speaker of the national house of representatives.

This forenoon his old neighbors, who include every man, woman and child in the city of Portland, were permitted to gaze for the last time upon the face which to them was ever full of life and jollity, and in the afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the main body of the church, there assembled a distinguished gathering of statesmen from Washington, business men from New York, governors from other New England states and nearly every prominent citizen of the Pine Tree State to honor his memory. A few passages from the Bible were read, a brief but fervent prayer offered, a short eulogy delivered by the pastor, Rev. John Carroll Perkins, and then the body was quietly removed to the tomb at Evergreen cemetery. Such was the funeral of Speaker Reed—brief, unostentatious and in strict accordance with his own wishes.

The body of Mr. Reed arrived here from Washington in a special train shortly after noon yesterday, after a twenty hour journey from the nation's capital.

It was accompanied by the widow, the daughter, Miss Catherine Reed; Colonel Augustus G. Payne of New York, C. D. Barrows and his sister, Miss Barrows; Congressman Amos L. Allen, Mr. Reed's immediate successor in the First district; Asher C. Hinds, his private secretary, and State Senator Mitchell of York county.

ULTIMATUMS TO VENEZUELA.

Great Britain and Germany Take Steps to Force Payment of Claims.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Great Britain and Germany have presented ultimatums to Venezuela, which will be followed up by the seizure of the customs unless a satisfactory settlement is forthcoming within a brief period.

The ultimatums have a time limit, but the exact date cannot be ascertained here. The foreign office states with regard to the time limit:

"It is a reasonable time in which Venezuela can satisfy the injured governments. Both notes are practically identical, although the amounts of the claims differ. The notes merely reiterate the continued disregard by the Venezuelan government of all our representations, specify our claims and demand immediate action on the part of President Castro's government in connection therewith."

Ministers Leave Carneas.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 9.—The British minister, W. H. D. Haggard, and the German charge d'affairs, Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, left Carneas at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon for La Guayra, where Minister Haggard went on board the British cruiser Retribution and Herr von Pilgrim-Baltazzi boarded the German cruiser Vineta. Both the British and the German legations have been closed.

RIVER CHANGES COURSE.

Bed of Missouri Moves Three Miles In a Day.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 8.—The Missouri river has played a huge joke on this city. On Thursday night it flowed at the doors of the town. The next night it suddenly changed its channel, and it is now three miles away.

The greater part of the big Burlington railroad bridge now spans dry land. The waterworks are left high and dry. The pumping station is without connection, and a water famine prevails. All the river craft were left on the sand or in small pools of water.

The Iowa territory thus suddenly tossed over into Nebraska is not all sand, for there are many productive farms in the tract. The change of channel means a change of state citizenship to more than a score of farmers.

TO TAX IMMIGRANTS.

Senate Adopts Amendment Fixing Three Dollar Rate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The senate yesterday adopted all the committee amendments to the immigration bill with the exception of one prescribing an educational test, and then laid aside the bill to pass a number of unobjected pension bills.

The amendment fixing a three dollar head tax on each immigrant coming into the United States furnished the principal topic of debate.

Strict Guard Against Cattle Plague.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 10.—The whole available force of the state agricultural department is now concentrated upon the effort to keep the foot and mouth disease out of this state. Commissioner Wieting in a communication to Governor Odell reported the precautions redoubled. Every railroad, highway and ferry leading into the state is guarded by officers of the department, which is closely co-operating with the United States authorities, and thus far no case of the disease has been found.

Boy Blown Up For Sport.

PATERSON, Dec. 5.—Harry Wright, a boy employed in the Cooke Locomotive works, in this city, was horribly tortured and killed by several other boys who worked in the same shop. Wright was actually blown up by a pneumatic pump. Compressed air was forced into his body at high pressure until the pressure broke his heart. Then his abdomen swelled to a frightful degree, and the boys who were inflicting the torture dropped the pump and fled.

Fire Threatened Shamrock III.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Shamrock III., Sir Thomas Lipton's new challenger for the America's cup, had a narrow escape from being burned last night in a fire which did great damage to Denny's shipbuilding yards at Dumbarton. Only strenuous efforts saved the challenger, now well advanced in her construction, from destruction.

Pine Tract Brings Big Money.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 8.—A special from Duluth says that the Oliver Mining company has purchased the McAlpine tract of pine on the eastern Mesaba range. The consideration was $500,000. A few years ago the tract was sold for $30,000.

INTENSE COLD WAVE

Suffering In Many Places Because of Scarcity of Fuel.

NEW YORK'S POOR IN GREAT NEED.

Unprecedented and Sudden Fall in Temperature Throughout New York and New England Finds the People Without Coal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—New York and New England are emerging from an experience of the coldest weather of many years. In this city yesterday was the coldest Dec. 9 in twenty-six years, the thermometer registering, as it did in that year, 8 degrees above zero. The severity of the cold was intensified by the fact that the people were not prepared for it, the cold wave having descended upon the country suddenly and without warning. Then, too, the scarcity of coal caused much suffering among the poorer classes, and even those able to afford the luxury of a ton of anthracite had to use it sparingly for fear that the cold snap would last and they would be unable to get a fresh supply. Every effort is being put forth to alleviate the suffering, charitable organizations having taken steps to supply the poor and the board of aldermen having voted $100,000 to help along the good cause. During the day the rivers were covered with a heavy mist, showing the great difference between the temperature of the air and the water.

The cold in the city was mild compared with that prevailing in the northern sections of the state and in New England. At Albany the mercury fell to 10 degrees below zero, and in the nearby districts it went down to 18 degrees. The river is frozen over at Albany, putting an end to navigation. Ballston reported 32 degrees below, the lowest registration since 1861, and Saratoga felt the grasp of weather 30 degrees below. In the Adirondack region and along the Champlain valley the thermometer registered between 17 and 26 degrees below.

The situation at Schenectady was made more serious by the scarcity of coal, many families having to face 22 degrees below zero weather without coal to heat their homes. Navigation on the upper Hudson has closed, steamers which had not reached winter quarters having to be towed out of the ice.

The cold wave struck New England at the same time it arrived in New York. Throughout Maine and Connecticut the thermometer registered from 8 to 20 degrees below, a fall in some places of 40 degrees in twelve hours. Norfolk, Conn., reported a temperature of 23 degrees below zero, the coldest in years.

Miners Tell Bitter Tales.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 10.—Tales of evictions from houses owned by G. B. Markle & Co., the narration of the death of a wife as a result of an enforced removal from her home and the story of a mother whose husband was killed in the Markle mines, of how she and her two boys struggled years to pay the Markles the back rent and coal bill she owed them, were the principal features of yesterday's sessions of the coal strike commission. The testimony as presented by some of the witnesses whose lives are given up to the coal mining industry was at times pathetic and surprising to the commissioners, who listened to it with undivided attention.

Mayor of Havana Suspended.

HAVANA, Dec. 10.—Emilio Nunez, civil governor of Havana, has suspended the mayor of Havana, Senor O'Farrill, pending investigation by the court of a charge of usurpation of power which has been brought against him. This charge is an outgrowth of the recent strike, in which the mayor figured prominently. It was expected that Senor O'Farrill would resign when former Secretary of Government Tamayo gave up his portfolio and when Chief of Police Cardenas was reinstated in office.

A Town In a Night.

EAGLE CITY, Okla., Dec. 5.—Eagle City Wednesday night was cornfields and raw prairie. Yesterday morning it was a town of 2,000 inhabitants, with a complete municipal organization, a bank in operation, a daily newspaper established, a fairly good hotel, four restaurants, seven saloons, at least a score of mercantile establishments and no end of gambling houses.

Fourteen Perished In Fire.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—It is now known that fourteen men met death by suffocation in the early morning fire which occurred in the Lincoln hotel, 176 Madison street. Thirteen of those who lost their lives were stifled while lying in their beds. One was taken from the building before life was extinct, but died in the ambulance on the way to the nearest hospital.

Must Swear Again After Marriage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The postmaster general has issued an order amending the postal regulations by requiring that "whenever any woman employed in the postal service either as postmaster or unclassified clerk marries she must take the oath of office anew."

More Gas Discovered In Montana.

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Dec. 9.—Much excitement has been caused here over the discovery of a natural gas well two miles west of this city. The country is being staked off in every direction.

Earthquake In Ecuador.

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Dec. 10.—A severe earthquake has just been experienced here.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and Tersely Told.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the First National bank of Irwin, Pa.

Horner was chosen as speaker and Boyd as leader of the lower house of the New Jersey legislature.

Thirteen anarchists were arrested at Spezia in the act of taking oath to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel.

A meeting of the canal improvement advocates at Buffalo declared for the 1,000 ton barge plan and the inland route.

A box of dynamite exploded in a mine at South Wilkesbarre. Four men were killed and ten wounded, three seriously.

Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The price of bread was raised in the east end of London.

Prince Oscar, the kaiser's fifth son, broke his collar bone.

The king of Portugal started home from England by way of Paris.

A. Lincoln Dryden of Baltimore was named as assistant treasurer of the United States.

The new Union Steel company organized at Pittsburg is to have a capital of $75,000,000.

The seventieth birthday of Bjornstjerne Bjornson was generally celebrated in Norway.

Two of a sleighing party were killed and two fatally hurt by a railway train at Havelock, Ont.

Oliver Wendell Holmes was sworn as associate justice of the United States supreme court.

Severe winter weather was reported in nearly every northern state east of the Mississippi. In western New York snow had reached a depth of two feet.

Monday, Dec. 8.

Fire originating in a planing mill at Denver destroyed property valued at $120,000.

Owing to the cold, wet summer the people of the northern districts of Sweden are threatened with famine.

The annual meeting of the National Civic federation began its deliberations in New York city, to continue three days.

The Eagle Valley tannery at Ridgeville, Pa., was destroyed by fire, caused by an explosion of natural gas in the engine room; loss, over $300,000.

The mayor and the entire city council of Denver have been sentenced to jail for four months for contempt in passing and signing the tramway franchise bill.

The Prince line steamer Tartar Prince, Captain McFarlane, New York Nov. 10 and St. Vincent Nov. 23, for Port Natal, has been totally burned at sea. The crew and passengers were rescued.

Saturday, Dec. 6.

The Mead building at Rockford, Ill., was burned; loss, $275,000.

An engine company was buried by a falling wall in a $100,000 fire at Cleveland, O.

Bitter cold weather, with a general snowfall, was reported in the United Kingdom.

The Pickering Manufacturing company of Lowell, Mass., has failed, with liabilities of $300,000.

The Grand Opera House and other buildings at Stillwater, Minn., have been burned; loss, $175,000.

One person was killed and another fatally hurt in an accident on the Boston and Maine railroad near South Ashburnham, Mass.

A severe snowstorm raged from Virginia to Canada in the eastern and middle states. Cold weather was reported in the southern states.

Friday, Dec. 5.

The world's greatest gun was safely landed at Sandy Hook.

A threatening break in the Mississippi river levee has occurred near Belcher, La.

Two miners were instantly killed while descending a shaft near Hazleton, Pa.

At Santa Monica, Cal., Samuel Carson was found dead in his hut as the result of a spider bite.

Thursday, Dec. 4.

Senor Sagasta has resigned as premier of Spain.

Andrew Carnegie has sailed for New York on the Oceanic.

San Francisco voted against municipal ownership of railways.

The coroner's inquest in the Fitzgerald shooting in Guatemala showed he was assassinated.

Jake, the big sturgeon in the New York aquarium, is dead after having starved himself for eighteen months.

Seventeen malleable iron companies agreed at a meeting in Detroit to form one great company, with a large capital.

Austrian Minister Promoted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Austrian minister, M. Ladislaus Hengelmuller von Hengervar, has received official notice of his promotion to the rank of embassador. His credentials are expected to arrive here by Dec. 18, and the minister's presentation to the president in his new capacity probably will take place before the new year.

Dan Patch Brings $50,000.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 9.—M. W. Savage of this city has bought Dan Patch, the famous unbeaten pacer, of M. E. Sturgis of New York for $50,000. M. E. McHenry, who has driven the horse many a fast mile and scored 1:59¼ with him, has signed a contract with Mr. Savage to handle the horse for the racing season of 1903-04.

Putnam and May Return.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer Umbria from Liverpool and Queenstown were Mr. and Mrs. Putnam Bradlee Strong. Strong refused to say anything about his past or future movements.

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IT CURES ALL CREEDS.—Here are a few names of clergymen of different creeds who are firm believers in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder to "live up to the preaching" in all it claims. Bishop Sweatman, Rev. Dr. Langtry (Episcopalian); Rev. Dr. Withrow and Rev. Dr. Chambers (Methodist); and Dr. Newman, all of Toronto, Canada. Copies of their personal letters for the asking. 50 cts.—53
Sold by C. A. Kleim.

The chiropodist goes to extremes.

EXPOSURE to a sudden climatic change produces cold in the head and catarrh is apt to follow. Provided with Ely's Cream Balm you are armed against Nasal Catarrh. Price 50 cents at Druggists or Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York, will mail it. The Balm cures without pain, does not irritate or cause sneezing. It spreads itself over an irritated and angry surface, relieving immediately the painful inflammation, cleanses and cures. Cream Balm quickly cures the cold.

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CORRECTED WEEKLY.	RETAIL PRICES.
Butter, per pound	$ 30
Eggs, per dozen	26
Lard, per pound	15
Ham, per pound	16
Beef (quarter), per pound	6 to 8
Wheat, per bushel	1 00
Oats, do	40
Rye, do	60
Flour per bbl.	4.00 to 4 40
Hay, per ton	15 00
Potatoes, (new), per bushel	65
Turnips, do	40
Tallow, per pound	06
Shoulder, do	12
Side meat, do	18
Vinegar, per qt	05
Dried apples, per pound	05
Cow hides, do	3½
Steer do do	05
Calf skin	80
Sheep pelts	75
Shelled corn, per bushel	80
Corn meal, cwt	2 00
Bran, cwt	1 20
Chop, cwt	1 50
Middlings, cwt	1 40
Chickens, per pound, new	10
do do old	10
Turkeys do	15
Geese, do	12
Ducks, do	11
COAL.	
Number 6, delivered	3 50
do 4 and 5 delivered	4 45
do 6, at yard	3 10
do 4 and 5, at yard	4 25

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Appalling Death Roll of 1902.

The Loss by Disease Has Been 600,000 for the Year.

Few people realize how frightful have been the ravages of 1902 by disease and disaster. Only a little more than ten months of the twelve are gone and yet close to a million persons have been swept across the Styx by epidemics, floods and volcanoes.

Early in May a series of eruptions in Martinique and neighboring islands in the Caribbean Sea snuffed out countless thousands of lives.

Somewhat later the Yellow river, of China, overflowed its banks and tens of thousands of Celestials were drowned like rats in a trap.

Not in forty years has there been such an epidemic of cholera as for the past six months has been raging like a prairie fire in Egypt, Japan, China and the Philippines. Official reports show that the disease has been no respector of persons, but has raged with equal virulence in the slums of Canton and Shanghai and among those of royal blood in Pekin. Neither did the pestilence break out in one town and spread to another. It appears to have broken out almost in the same hour in Manchuria, Shensi and half a dozen other provinces and is now frightfully fatal in almost every section of China. The busiest men in Japan have been the undertakers, and how dreadful has been the mortality from the disease in the Philippine archipelago is shown by the reports made to this Government by American officials stationed there. Though the statistics have been kept imperfectly—in some sections not at all—the loss by the disease has easily been 600,000 people since the opening of the year.

And now comes the news that an epidemic of measles is sweeping over Western Europe and has already crossed Behring Sea into Alaska. Thousands have already died, particularly in Kamschatka, and the living are so worn out with caring for the sick that they are in most cases themselves fit subjects for the hospital. —*St. Paul Globe.*

Pine-wood Home for State Consumptives.

It has been officially announced that the State Forestry Commission will establish a free sanitarium for the benefit of persons affected with consumption on Mount Alto, Franklin county, at a point three miles above the park and two miles below the historic Cold Spring Mission. Here stands a white pine forest covering about forty acres.

The State will build about thirty cabins. Each will be furnished with two stationary bunks and a table—comfortable for sleeping purposes, but not large enough to hold occupants during the day.

Out in the field will be erected an assembly hall, where the patients may assemble in the evenings, and about a log fire tell yarns and amuse themselves as they please.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Stir Over Counterfeits.

Statement That 40,000,000 Silver Dollars Are Bad Excites New York.

The statement made at a meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce by Francis C. Moore, that of 80,000,000 silver dollars now in circulation, it is within the realm of possibility that not less than 40,000,000 are counterfeit, excited much comment and apprehenston in financial and trade circles. An official of one of the leading banks said that there was much truth in the statement, averring that of 350 silver dollars turned into the Sub-Treasury by the institution, 170 were confiscated by the Government as being counterfeit.

Mr. Moore, in his speech, urged that the coinage of $1,500,000 a month, as now required by law, cease, saying:

"We stand face to face with a situation that is a menace. A silver dollar can be made to-day by a mechanic as well as the Government can make it, and in which he has only to put 38 cents worth of silver. The manufacture of counterfeit silver dollars is carried on in this country on a much larger scale than is generally supposed.

"Is not the temptation we offer the counterfeiter too great? It is not improbable to believe that there are 40,000,000 counterfeit silver dollars included in the number that we ask the Secretary of the Treasury to redeem in gold."

General William Brindle.

General William Brindle, for years a familiar figure in South Jersey, died last week in the University Hospital, Philadelphia. He was 86 years old, a veteran of the Mexican war and of the civil war. He had resided at Gloucester City, where he owned large tracts of real estate, but had been in the hospital for many weeks. He was well known at the National Capitol, where he had considerable business as a pension agent, and had at various times been a candidate for office on the Democratic ticket in New Jersey.

Gen. Wm. Brindle belonged to Muncy, Lycoming County. He was the son of the wife of Gen. W. A. Petrikin by a former marriage. He volunteered for the Mexican War, and went with the "Columbia Guards" from Danville as Third Lieutenant. He came home with them, holding, I believe, a Commission as Colonel. He was a democrat of the old school—a man of ability and of affairs. I knew him well in the old days, but never saw him after he went to New Jersey.

Gov. Curtin's Horse Dead.

"Andy," a horse that had the distinction of having been the favorite rider of the late Governor Andrew G. Curtin, as well as being one of the oldest horses in the country is dead. He was forty-four years old. The governor always rode "Andy" when reviewing the troops during the Rebellion. When the horse became blind, Governor Curtin sold him, and twenty-four years ago he passed into the possession of George Geigley, of New Holland, who had owned him ever since. "Andy's" last years were spent rather ingloriously in drawing a fish cart. He worked up to last week.

Miners Want to Settle.

Wayne MacVeagh has frequently said that the operators are anxious to settle the strike, and so are the miners. The miners are anxious to have the matter settled, as the commission proceedings are expensive and they are uncertain as to the result. They are willing to settle the strike on a fair basis, and are working to that end. The commission is already on record as favoring such a movement, and will ratify any agreement that bears evidence of being permanent. For the present the commission will continue in session.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, December 8, 1902.

Congress is in session, the President's message has been made public and the legislative wheels on Capitol Hill are again in action. With a great surplus in the Treasury there will be no dearth of bills enacted during the short session, each looking to the depletion of the reserve if not to the national welfare. The President's message, however, while appealing to the patriotic sense of members of both parties, is already being interpreted by the republican leaders as sanctioning a masterly inactivity in regard to that legislation of which the country stands in the greatest need.

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That the President should have handled the subject of tariff revision with such extreme conservatism was a disappointment not only to the democrats of both houses but to many of the republicans as well. A western senator, whose constituents are clamoring for tariff revision, said today that it was clear not only that the President had yielded to the eastern contingent in his party but that he had even modified very markedly the passage which related to the tariff since it was first drafted. The message as a whole was well received and is regarded as exhibiting a heighth of ideals which it is feared will be lost on the practical politicians of the republican party.

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Senator Hoar, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, has already taken a stand against anti-trust legislation on the ground that there will not be time during the short session to handle the subject comprehensively and intelligently. Senator Cullom, on the other hand, has offered a bill amending the Sherman law so that interstate commerce in trust-made goods shall incur a penalty of from $500 to $5,000.

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Senator Hanna holds to his position as expressed by the injunction "Stand pat." Senator Hansbrough, on the other hand, when asked by your correspondent regarding the prospects of anti-trust legislation said, "Perhaps the Sherman law should be strengthened by amendment as suggested by Attorney General Knox. Thus far it has been quite effective wherever applied and doubtless there are still combinations which can be reached by it. But there must be progress in the matter of corrective statutes and it may be that existing law will not reach the more modern trusts. If the Attorney General can make it plain that the law should be amended Congress will not hesitate to act at once." As far as it is possible to judge the situation the western republicans hope to see prompt anti-trust legislation and the eastern republicans are irrevocably opposed to it.

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In the House, an effort will be made to pass some bill and thus throw the responsibility on the Senate. Mr. Littlefield of Maine is revising his anti-trust bill and hopes to get it reported within the next two weeks. Representative Hepburn has introduced a measure appropriating $500,000 for the use of the Attorney General in fighting the trusts. Numerous bills have been offered by republican members but it is doubtful if they will, with few exceptions, ever receive a moment's consideration as they are known to be offered for political reasons alone.

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There are already signs of an active and interesting fight in the Senate over admission to statehood of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico. The democrats are practically unanimous for admission. The New England republicans are unanimously opposed to it and the others are divided. If it is found that the bill cannot be defeated in its entirety an effort will be made to single out Oklahoma which is regarded as reasonably safe to go republican, to the exclusion of the other two territories.

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Secretary Root has at last won the support of the senior member of the Committee on Military Affairs for his army reorganization bill and Senator Proctor has introduced the bill framed by the Secretary providing for a general staff, which shall have supervision over the army in lieu of a single lieutenant general. Apropos of the Military Affairs Committee, Senator Hawley, the chairman, is failing so rapidly that it is not regarded as probable that he will again be able to assume the duties of that position.

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It is generally believed that the President's recommendation of the repeal of the Stone and Timber act will be carried into effect. It is claimed that great abuses have resulted from the provisions of this act and that thousands of acres of western timber lands have been denuded of their timber. So far as its beneficial results are concerned it is claimed that they benefit but few.

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The action of Speaker Henderson, in recognizing the new representative from Connecticut, Mr. Brandagee, immediately after he was sworn in, and permitting him to move adjournment out of respect to the late Representative Russell, is regarded by the democrats as an unprecedented exhibition. Representative Lanham of Texas had been on his feet for some minutes endeavoring to secure permission to inform the House of the death of Representatives Sheppard and de Graffenreid, both of his state, and with a view to moving adjournment in respect to them On Tuesday, however, Mr. Lanham secured recognition and the House adjourned out of respect to his colleagues.

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When Mr. Sheppard of Texas was brought forward to be sworn in many people supposed he was a refractory page being brought to the Speaker's desk for discipline, so youthful is he in appearance. He has been elected, not only to fill the unexpired term of his father, but for the next Congress as well.

Married.

On Nov. 29, at Strawberry Ridge by Rev. Jos. W. Bell, Mr. Rush Shaffer of Washingtonville, Pa., and Miss Jennie A Heller of Columbia county, Pa.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE

LACKAWANNA RAILROAD.

BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

In effect Jan. 26, 1902.

STATIONS.	EAST. A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M
Northumberland	10 35	1 50	10 00	5 25
Cameron	6 47	‡4 41	10 10	‡5 34
Danville	6 57	5 41	10 19	5 43
Catawissa	7 10	5 53	10 32	5 56
Rupert	7 16	2 29	10 37	6 01
Bloomsburg	7 20	2 33	10 41	6 05
Espy	7 28	2 40	10 48	6 13
Lime Ridge	7 30	‡4 46	‡10 51	6 20
Willow Grove	‡7 40	‡2 50	10 57	6 24
Briarcreek	7 44	‡2 53	10 59	‡6 27
Berwick	7 50	2 58	11 06	6 34
Beach Haven	7 58	3 03	‡11 12	6 41
Rick's Ferry	8 07	3 09	‡11 17	‡6 47
Shickshinny	8 17	3 20	11 31	6 59
Hunlock's	8 27	3 31	11 39	‡7 09
Nanticoke	8 34	3 38	11 44	7 14
Avondale	8 37	3 42	11 47	7 22
Plymouth	8 44	3 47	11 52	7 28
Plymouth Junction	8 47	3 52	11 55	7 30
Kingston	8 55	4 00	11 59	7 38
Bennett	8 58	4 03	12 02	7 42
Forty Fort	9 00	4 07	12 04	7 44
Wyoming	9 05	4 12	12 08	7 48
West Pittston	9 10	4 17	12 12	7 54
Susquehanna Ave	9 13	4 20	12 14	7 56
Pittston	9 19	4 24	12 17	8 01
Duryea	9 23	4 29	12 20	8 06
Lackawanna	9 26	4 32	12 22	8 10
Taylor	9 32	4 40	12 28	8 17
Bellevue	9 37	4 45	12 32	8 21
Scranton	9 42	4 50	12 35	8 25

STATIONS.	WEST. A.M.	A.M	P.M.	P.M.
Scranton	6 35	1	1 55	5 10
Bellevue	6 39		1 59	5 14
Taylor	6 43	17	2 03	5 18
Lackawanna	7	10 24	2 10	5 24
Duryea	6	10 38	2 13	5 26
Pittston	6 57	10 33	2 17	5 30
Susquehanna Ave	7 00	10 37	2 19	5 32
West Pittston	7 03	10 41	2 23	5 35
Wyoming	7 08	10 46	2 27	5 40
Forty Fort	7 12	10 49	2 31	5 43
Bennett	7 15	10 52	2 34	5 47
Kingston	7 21	10 56	2 40	5 53
Plymouth	7 30	10 00	2 45	5 58
Avondale	7 35	11 05	2 49	7 03
Nanticoke	7 39	11 09	2 54	7 08
Hunlock's	7 45	11 13	2 58	7 14
Shickshinny	7 15	11 19	3 06	7 21
Hick's Ferry	8 07	‡11 31	3 20	‡7 31
Beach Haven	8 13	11 43	3 30	7 41
Berwick	8 19	11 48	3 37	7 48
Briarcreek	‡8 23	11 54	‡3 44	7 53
Willow Grove	‡8 27	11 01	‡3 50	‡8 00
Lime Ridge	8 31	‡12 05	3 54	‡8 03
Espy	8 37	12 09	3 58	8 02
Bloomsburg	8 44	12 22	4 06	8 17
Rupert	8 47	12 22	4 12	8 20
Catawissa	8 54	12 25	4 15	8 28
Danville	9 06	12 32	4 22	8 37
Cauiasky		12 44	‡4 33	
Cameron	9 21	12 57	4 48	8 52
Northumberland	9 35	1 10	5 00	9 05
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.

‡ Runs daily. † Flag station.

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SOUTH. ARRIVE.				STATIONS.	NORTH LEAVE			
a.m	a.m.	p.m	p.m.		am	pm	pm	a.m
7.10	12.10	6.00	2.15	Bloomsbu'g	8.50	2.37	6.25	6.10
7.08	12.08	5.55	2.10	" P. & R	8.52	2.39	6.27	
7.03	12.02	5.53	2.08	" Main st.	8.55	2.42	6.30	
7.53	11.53	5.42	1 50	Paper Mill	9.08	2.52	6.40	
6.50	11.50	5.39	1.45	..Light St.	9.08	2.55	6.44	6.37
6.40	11.42	5.31	1.30	Orangeville	9.16	3.03	6.53	6.50
6.29	11.33	5.21	1.00	...Forks...	9.26	3.13	6.03	7.10
6.25	11.29	5.17	12.53	...Zaner's..	9.30	3.17	6.07	7.35
6.18	11.21	5.08	12.45	Stillwater	9.38	3.25	6.18	7.45
6.03	11.13	5.00	12.35	...Benton..	9.46	3.33	7.23	8.00
6.04	11.09	4.56	12.10	...Edson's..	9.50	3.37	7.27	8.30
6.02	11.06	4.53	12.06	..Cole's Cr'k	9.53	3.40	7.31	8.40
6.53	11.09	4.48	11.53	...Laubach..	9.58	3.45	7.41	8.46
5.48	10.51	4.38	11.45	...Central	10.05	3.52	7.51	9.00
5.40	10.48	4.35	11.30	.Jam. City.	10.08	3.55	7.55	9.8
am	am	pm	pm		am	pm	pm	a.m
LEAVE				Corrected to Jan. 30, 1902	ARRIVE			

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For Williamsport, weekdays, 7.37 a. m., 3.33 m.

For Danville and Milton, weekdays, 7.37 a. m. 3.33,

For Catawissa weekdays 7.37, 8.38, 11.30 a. m 12.20, 5.00, 6.30, p. m.

For Rupert weekdays 7.37, 8.38 11.30 a. m., 12.20 3.33, 5.00, 6.30, p. m.

For Baltimore, Washington and the West via B. & O. R. R., through trains leave Reading Terminal, Philadelphia, 3.50, 7.55, 11.20 a. m., 2.07 7.27, p. m. Sundays 3.50, 11.20 a. m 3.46, 7.27, p. m. Additional trains from 24th Chestnut street station, week days, 1.35, 8.23 p. m. Sundays, 1.35, 8.23 p. m.

TRAINS FOR BLOOMSBURG

Leave New York via Philadelphia 7.30 m., and via Easton 9.10 a. m.

Leave Philadelphia 10.21 a. m.

Leave Reading 12.15 p. m.

Leave Pottsville 12.50 p. m.

Leave Tamaqua 1.49 p. m.,

Leave Williamsport weekdays 10.13 a m., 6.42 p m.

Leave Catawissa weekdays, 7.00, 8.20 10.16 a. m. 1.30 3.36, 6.08 p. m.

Leave Rupert, weekdays, 7.08, 8.28, 9.18 11.40 a. m., 1.38, 3.46 6.21.

For ATLANTIC CITY—Week Days—Express A. M., 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00, 10.00, 10.40, 11.20 P. M., 1.00, 1.30, 2.40, 3.00, 3.40, 4.00, 4.20, 4.45, 5.00, 7.15, 8.30.

Sundays—A. M., 7.00, 7.30, 8.30, 10.00, 11.00 P M., 4.45, 5.00.

For CAPE MAY—A. M., 7.30, 8.30, 9.15, 9.15, 11.15. P. M., 1.40, 4.10, 5.30, 5.30.

For OCEAN CITY—A. M., 7.30, 8.45, 9.15, 11.45. P. M., 2.15, 4.20, 5.00, 5.30.

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ATLANTIC CITY.	CAPE MAY	OCEAN CITY.
*6.00 A. M., Lcl.	§7.30 A. M.	§7.30 A. M.
§7.30 A. M., Exc	*8.45 A. M.	*8.45 A. M.
*9.00 A. M., Ex.	*8.45 A. M.	§9.15 A. M.
§10.00 A. M., Ex.	§9.15 A. M.	†1.40 P. M.
†10.45 A. M., Ex.	†1.40 P. M.	†04.10 P. M.
*1.30 P. M., Ex.	†04.10 P. M.	§5.00 P. M.
*2.00 P. M., Ex.	§5.00 P. M.	†c5.40 P. M.
*4.00 P. M., Ex.	†c5.40 P. M.	SEA ISLE
§5.00 P. M., Ex.		§7.30 A. M.
§5.00 P. M., Ecl.		*8.45 A. M.
†c5.40 P. M.		†04.10 P. M.
*7.15 P. M., Ex.		§5.00 P. M.
		†c5.40 P. M.

"*" Daily. "§" Sundays. "†" Weekdays. "‡" Saturday. "d" via Subway. "b" South St. 4.00 "c" South St. 5.30. "a" South St. 1.30. "k" does not connect for Eagles Mere Saturday night "§" $1.00 Excursion.

Detailed time tables at ticket offices.

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Pennsylvania Railroad.

Time Table in effect May 25, 1902

		A. M.	A. M.	P. M	P M
Scranton(Del. & H.)	lv	‡6 38	‡9 38	‡1 42	‡4 27
Pittston	" "	7 05	10 00	1 2 10	4 52
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M
Wilkesbarre	lv	‡7 25	‡10 35	‡2 45	‡6 00
Plym'th Ferry	"	‡7 32	110 42	‡2 52	‡6 07
Nanticoke	"	7 42	10 50	3 01	6 17
Mocanaqua	"	8 01	11 07	3 20	6 37
Wapwallopen	"	8 12	11 16	3 31	6 47
Nescopeck	ar	8 18	11 26	3 42	7 00
		A. M.		A. M.	P. M.
Pottsville	lv	‡5 50		11 55	2 45
Hazleton	"	7 05		12 52	3 05
Tomhicken	"	7 22		1 11	3 15
Fern Glen	"	7 29		1 18	3 22
Rock Glen	"	7 35			
Nescopeck	ar	8 00		1 45	
Catawissa					4 00
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M
Nescopeck	lv	‡8 18	‡11 26	‡3 42	‡7 00
Creasy	"	8 30	11 36	3 52	7 01
Espy Ferry	"	‡8 42	11 46	‡4 02	7 20
E. Bloomsburg	"	8 47	11 50	4 06	7 25
			P. M.		
Catawissa	ar	8 55	11 57	4 13	7 32
Catawissa	lv	8 55	11 57	4 13	7 32
S. Danville	"	9 14	12 18	4 31	7 51
Sunbury	"	9 35	12 40	4 55	8 15
		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M
Sunbury	lv	‡9 42	‡12 48	‡5 10	‡9 46
Lewisburg	ar	10 13	1 45	5 40	
Milton	"	10 08	1 39	5 35	10 07
Williamsport	"	11 00	1 41	6 30	10 55
Lock Haven	"	11 59	2 20	7 34	
Renovo	"	A. M.	3 00	8 30	
Kane	"		8 25		
			P. M.		
Erie	ar		13 45		
Dellefonte	ar		1 05	14 44	
Tyrone	"		2 20	16 00	
Philipsburg	"		4 35	‡8 02	
Clearfield	"		5 25	‡8 45	
Pittsburg	"		6 55	110 45	
		A. M.		P. M.	P. M.
Sunbury	lv	‡9 50		‡1 59	‡5 20
Harrisburg	ar	‡11 30		‡3 15	6 50
		P. M.		P. M.	P. M.
Philadelphia	ar	‡3 17		6 23	110 20
Baltimore	"	3 11		6 00	‡9 45
Washington	"	4 10		7 15	110 55
		A. M.		P. M.	P. M.
Sunbury	lv	110 00		‡2 15	
		P. M.			
Lewistown Jc	ar	11 45		‡4 05	
Pittsburg	"	‡6 55		110 45	
		A. M.		P. M.	P. M.
Harrisburg	lv	‡11 45		15 00	‡7 15
				A. M.	A. M.
Pittsburg	ar	‡6 55		11 50	‡1 50

‡ Weekdays. Daily. † Flag station

		P. M.	p. m	a. m.	a. m
Pittsburg	lv	‡7 10	‡9 00	‡3 00	‡8 00
Harrisburg	ar	A. M. ‡2 00	A. M. ‡4 20	119	P. M. ‡3 10
			a. m.	p. m.	a. m.
Pittsburg	lv				‡8 00
					P. M.
Lewistown Jc.	"		‡7 30		‡3 00
Sunbury	ar		‡9 20		‡4 50
		p. m.	A. M.	A. M.	a. m
Washington	lv	110 40		‡7 50	110 50
Baltimore	"	111 41	‡4 40	‡8 40	111 45
Philadelphia	"	111 20	‡4 25	‡8 30	111 40
		A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Harrisburg	lv	‡3 35	‡7 55	‡11 40	‡3 30
Sunbury	ar	‡5 00	‡9 36	1 08	‡5 05
		P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
Pittsburg	lv	‡12 45		‡3 00	‡8 00
Clearfield	"	3 50			9 28
Philipsburg	"	4 40			10 12
Tyrone	"	7 00		1	12 25
Bellefonte	"	8 16		9 32	‡1 05
Lock Haven	ar	9 15		10 30	2 10
		P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Erie	lv	‡5 35			
Kane	"	8 45		‡6 00	
Renovo	"	11 50	‡6 45	10 30	
Lock Haven	"	12 38	‡7 35	11 25	‡3 00
		A. M.		P. M.	
Williamsport	"	2 20	‡8 30	‡12 40	4 06
Milton	"	2 23	9 17	1 25	4 46
Lewisburg	"		9 05	1 15	4 42
Sunbury	ar	3 24	9 46	1 55	5 15
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Sunbury	lv	16 45	‡9 55	‡2 00	‡5 25
S. Danville	"	7 11	10 17	2 21	5 50
Catawissa	"	7 32	10 35	2 36	6 08
E. Bloomsburg	"	7 37	10 43	2 43	6 15
Espy Ferry	"	7 42	‡10 47		‡6 19
Creasy	"	7 53	10 56	2 55	6 30
Nescopeck	ar	8 02	11 05	3 05	6 40
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M
Catawissa	lv	7 32	‡10 38	‡2 36	‡7 05
Nescopeck		8 23			6 08
Rock Glen	ar		11 22	5 05	7 28
Fern Glen	"	8 51	11 28	5 32	7 34
Tomhicken	"	8 58	11 38	5 38	7 42
Hazleton	"	9 19	11 58	5 59	8 05
Pottsville	"	10 15		6 55	
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M
Nescopeck	lv	‡8 02	‡11 05	‡3 05	‡6 40
Wapwallopen	ar	8 19	11 20	3 20	7 52
Mocanaqua	"	8 31	11 32	3 30	7 01
Nanticoke	"	8 53	11 54	3 49	7 19
			P. M.		
Plym'th Ferry	"	9 03	12 02	3 57	7 28
Wilkesbarre	"	9 10	12 10	4 05	8 35
		A. M	P. M.	P. M.	P. M
Pittston(D & H)	ar	‡9 39	‡12 55	‡4 56	‡8 36
Scranton " "		10 08	1 24	5 24	9 05

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RESOURCES.

Loans	$294,144 47
U. S. Bonds	50,000 00
Banking House	27,560 43
Stocks and Securities	183,706.75
Cash & due from Banks & U.S.Tr.	109,217 53
Total	$664,629.18

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 50,000.00
Surplus	125,000 00
Undivided Profits	11,067.24
Circulation	50,000.00
Deposits	428,561.94
Total	$664,629.18

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The Value of Silver Gradually Falling.

If Downward Rush Continues a Gold Standard Basis will Result.

Speaking of the diminishing value of silver an exchange says:

If the present downward rush in the price of silver shall continue the whole world will go upon a gold standard basis. Free coinage of silver at the present bottom prices for the white metal would be a national folly akin to the unlimited manufacture of dollars out of brass.

Within the past fortnight silver sold down to the lowest price it ever commanded. Bar silver sold in London at 21⅞ pence the ounce 925 fine, which is equivalent at the rate of exchange to 47.96 cents the ounce 1000 fine. At this low rate the ratio of silver to gold is not 16 to 1, but more than 2½ times that. When silver a few days ago sold at 21⅞ pence one ounce of gold would purchase 45.10 ounces of silver. The bullion in one American silver dollar was worth exactly 37.09 cents.

ABANDONING SILVER.

Nations like Mexico, which have clung to silver for centuries, are abandoning it for gold standard. Two prime causes are responsible for the cheapness of silver. The smaller cause is the vast growth in the output of that metal, which in thirty years has been 135 per cent. The greater cause, and the one which has brought about this acute crisis in silver at this time, is the Chinese indemnity.

Last year the world's output of silver bullion was 175,000,000 ounces fine. Of this the United States produced 55,214,000. The Chinese indemnity will require a little more than one-eighth of the total or 22,122,000 ounces every year. China has actually started in to scrape up all her silver, which is being converted into gold. These enormous quantities of the white metal which are poured upon the world have made the price of it melt away. Ordinarily China is a tremendous purchaser of silver. It is the money of the Orient.

WHERE SILVER IS USED.

The Philippines, the Straits Settlements such as Singapore, Penang and Hongkong, which are controlled by the English, use silver dollars. They are usually called "Mexican" dollars, as they are of the same value as the Mexican, which is just half the American dollar. In that part of the world an American dollar is always called a "gold dollar" because it passes as a gold dollar.

The following table shows the world's production of silver in 1873 and up to and including 1901, for each decade, with the highest and lowest price in each year given in English pence per ounce:

Year.	Ounces.	High.	Low.
1873	68,267,000	59 15-16	57¾
1883	74,701,000	52⅝	51⅝
1890	126,095,000	54⅝	48⅝
1900	174,888,870	30 5-16	27
1901	176,750,000	29 9-16	24 15-16

RANGE OF PRICE.

The range of price in 1902 up to the present time has been: Highest, 25 15-16, and lowest, 21 11-16. From 1833 to 1873 the price of silver never dropped below 58½ pence the lowest record being in 1848. Since 1873 there has been a decided reaction against silver as a money standard, which, coupled with the larger production of it, has vastly cheapened the price. Soon after the Franco-Prussian war Germany demonetized silver, the United States followed that example quickly afterward, the Latin countries restricted its use as a legal tender nine years ago, the mints of India stopped the flood of rupees, which had been free and unlimited, and at the same time this country suspended the purchase of silver bullion which had been authorized by the Sherman act. Some of those countries which are not on a gold basis are debating the proposition of becoming so, notably, Mexico. Each one that deserts silver strikes a blow at the white metal from which it never rallies. As China's indemnity payments have now been added to the burden it seems likely that silver will sink even lower. And if the first year of the payment has produced such an effect what will be the result of forty years of the same transaction?

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A UNIQUE CASE,

And one Which May Constitute a Precedent.

A case unique in the legal annals of Pennsylvania, says the Mt. Carmel *Item*, was tried in the civil court of Schuylkill county at Pottsville last week. It will doubtless be followed to its conclusion with interest as it may constitute a precedent for similar actions in the future.

On December 27, 1898, Thomas McDonald of Girardville, who had driven into Mt. Carmel, came into Robertson's livery stable on Second street and asked Mr. Robertson to telephone for Dr. Longacre a veterinary sergeon of Shenandoah, to come immediately to Mt. Carmel as his horse had been taken sick. Mr. Robertson did as he was requested, but Dr. Longacre did not come and the horse died. On investigation it was found that the message was not delivered promptly by the representative of the telephone company at Shenandoah, and while it had been sent from town between one and two in the afternoon it did not reach Dr. Longacre until about five o'clock.

As the horse was a valuable one, and as Mr. McDonald thought the negligence of the telephone company agent was the cause of its death he brought action against the Central Pennsylvania Telephone Company for damages in the sum of $300, and the case came up for trial last Wednesday. Testimony and arguments lasted two days, W. W. Robertson, the local liveryman, being one of the chief witnesses for the prosecution. The prosecution tried to prove negligence on the part of the defendant in not delivering the message promptly, but the defence contended that it could not be shown that Dr. Longacre would have saved the horse even if he had received the message earlier and had repaired to Mt. Carmel without delay.

The case went to the jury on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock and Friday afternoon, after twenty-four hours' deliberation the jury reported that they could not agree. They were discharged accordingly and the case was continued. Report says that the jury stood eleven for the plaintiff and one against. McDonald is by no means discouraged but will proceed with his plans for pushing the case to a conclusion.

Hog Cholera medicine at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Hon. Fred Ikeler is mentioned prominently as a candidate for chairman of the House caucus of the Democrats at the coming session of the legislature. This position carries with it the party leadership in the House. Mr. Ikeler's ability was recognized in the last legislature, and he was acknowledged to be one of the best speakers in that body.

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IMPROVEMENTS IN EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.

The pioneer schools corresponded with pioneer life in the early period of our country's history. Needs of school supplies were few and simple, as were also the opportunities of the patrons to procure them. The attention of the people was chiefly directed to clearing up the country, which occupied all of their time, and their children could not be spared much of their time for intellectual improvement. The school buildings in those days, like the houses of the people, were rudely constructed and school supplies were of the most primary character, and scant in quantity, and it was thought that if one could read, write and cipher, was all the education that one needed, as so many people could neither read nor write.

Probably half the children went to school without any books, as they were very costly and precious and hard to procure, as stationery of all kinds were scarce, and many parents too poor to buy them. But it must be remembered that the printing press was also in its pioneer days, and labored under the same disadvantages that all other pioneer enterprises did.

Under such circumstances, neither teachers nor pupils could have any higher ambition than "go through the books," then in vogue whether they mastered them or not, as each teacher (perhaps then better known as "master") was a law unto himself, and his qualifications certified to, by his ability to conquer the pupils, if not by moral suasion, then by brute force and "hickory oil."

Each school was independent of all other districts, and the only test of superiority of rival districts, was in the old fashioned spelling bee. It appears that the patrons of the schools in those days took more interest in these spelling bees than do the patrons of our schools in the more modern days of first class school facilities, and full supplies, with all the paraphernialia of school apparatus. Whole communities, old and young, male and female, used to attend the weekly spelling bee, in which was as much interest manifested as in a circus show. Here the champion spellers within reach of all districts, assembled and engaged in the contest for the championship or "belt," which they prized more highly than a Jeffries or a Fitzsimmons could prize the pugilistic belt for the championship. At all events there was more honor in the spelling "belt" than is in the pugilistic "belt."

But with our country's development and improvement the pioneer schools faded with pioneer life, and both were supplanted by a higher and more refined civilization, and hence the people and their children no longer grope in intellectual darkness, nor stumble over superstitious relics of past ignorance, as our forefathers cleared the country from the forestry and removed all impediments and rubbish from the soil that the industrious husbandman might reap thirty, sixty and a hundred fold as the product of his labor, by properly cultivating the land. So, in like manner, they prepared the way for intellectual advancement and progression, that by the use of all modern educational machinery, our schools reap more than a hundred fold of educational advantages of which we boast as the triumph and glory of our American Institutions.

Yet, with all the glorious improvements which lifted humanity to a higher and nobler state of life and general advantages in every department of human activity, we love to take an occasional backward glance, and crown with glory and praise the noble pioneers and their immediate successors—that is, our ancestors, who paved the way that such glorious results might follow in the wake of their noble deeds; but which they never dreamed could ever be accomplished by their descendents.

If the first settlers and founders of Bloomsburg could rise and see that beautiful and magnificent town, teeming with industry and business, and abundantly supplied with railroad and trolley facilities, and in communication with all the outside world by telegraph and telephone lines and supplied with newspapers, dailies and weeklies from a half dozen printing presses, and the financial wants supplied by three National Banks while the schools and churches meet all the requirements of the intellectual and spiritual wants of people and children and second to none in any part of our country, and above all the State Normal School, not only the pride and glory of Bloomsburg, but a state pride and the central star of the first magnitude in the constellation of the institutions of learning in the educational sky of our great commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thus Bloomsburg stands in point of importance in the front row for beauty of scenery, for architectural art, neatness of appearance, intelligence and refinement, and a high state of civilization, at all of which the pioneer founders would stand aghast in utter wonder and amazement and declare that they had never lived there. But what is true of Bloomsburg in this respect is true of every locality within the bounds of our state.

Can it be possible that for the next hundred years this marvelous improvement will accelerate and outdo the last hundred years? If so, what can we imagine Bloomsburg to be at the end of the 20th century? This is a thought that impresses us with wonderful possibilities. Yet, it is all only the outgrowth of pioneer life and the development of pioneer ideas. Behold, what "mighty oaks from little acorns grow." J. C. W.

Sheriff Knorr, assisted by Frank Deitrick, J. S. Cole, J. T. Fetterolf and Spades Welliver took the convicted horse thieves Katz and Berger to the Eastern Penitentiary on Tuesday.

The Columbia County W. C. T. U. executive meeting will be held at Mrs. Agnes Smith's, instead of W. C. T. U. headquarters, on Saturday, 13th inst.

Genuine seal driving gloves $5.00 at Ben Gidding's.

David Mauser, one of Grovania's best known residents died at his home in that place on Tuesday, aged 64 years. Besides a wife, he is survived by two brothers, and a sister. The latter is Mrs. Levi Weaver of Bloomsburg.

Judge Charles C. Jones, of Montezuma, N. Y., is probably the most ponderous jurist in the United States. He is six feet one inch in height and weighs 416 pounds.

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Silverware,	Beaded Bags,
Wrist B'g,	Dress Goods,
Leggins,	Dinner Sets,
Coats,	Bed Room Suits,

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Freight Rates go up.

The advance in wages made by the Pennsylvania and to be made by the Reading and other railroads will soon be followed by an increase in freight rates. An inability of the roads in this state to handle the business offered to them has doubtless had something to do with this decision. The freight rate advance will, it is asserted, suffice to pay for the increase in wages.

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts,	$252,342.41	Capital Stock,	$60,000.00
U. S. Bonds,	60,000.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits,	59,878 91
Stocks, Securities, &c.,	139.358,50	Circulation,	59,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures,	5,557.50	Deposits,	342,349 22
Cash and Reserve,	64,475.72		
	$521,728.13		$521,728.13

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TIME TABLE IN EFFECT JUNE 1, 1902, and until further notice

Cars leave Bloom for Espy, Almedia, Lime Ridge, Berwick and intermediate points as follows:

A. M. 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00, 11:40.

P. M. 12:20, 1:00, 1:40, 2.20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 20:20 and (11:00 Saturday nights only.)

Leaving depart from Berwick one hour from time as given above, commencing at 6:00 a. m.

Leave Bloom for Catawissa A. M. 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:00, 11:40.

P. M. 12:20, 1:00 1:40, 2:20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7.40, 8:20 9:00 9:40, 10:20 and (11:00 Saturday nights only.

Cars returning depart from Catawissa 20 minutes from time as given above

D. G. Hackett,
Superintendent.

Any subscriber who pays up all arrearages and a year in advance will be presented with a copy of the Centennial Souvenir Book of Bloomsburg.

Any new subscriber paying in advance will get a receipt to Jan. 1 1904 and a copy of the book. Subscribe now. tf.

Wesley Manley died at his home in Catawissa on Sunday. He had resided in Catawissa for only about three weeks, having moved there from Ashland, and had been ill only a few days. He was a victim of chronic rheumatism, and this with an attack of typhoid pneumonia caused his death. The surviving family consists of a daughter and two sons. The former is Mrs. C. J. Fisher, of Catawissa. The one son Harry L. lives at Ternie, British Columbia, and the other William H. at Philadelphia.

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I just received this week from Gilpin Langdon & Co., of Baltimore, who lead the world in Pure Drugs and Spices a consignment of spices put up in 2oz., 4oz. and 1 pound tin boxes, which they guarantee on every box as being absolutely pure and the very best.

The price is very little higher than the common truck sold as spices, but they are cheaper in the end because so much stronger. Come in and see them and get a book on spices.

We have the following kinds:

Allspice,	English Mustard,
Cininamon,	Jamaca Ginger,
Cloves,	African Ginger,
Red Pepper,	Mace,
Paprika Pepper,	Sweet Margerum,
White Pepper,	Garden Sage,
Black Pepper,	Turkey Dressing.

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W. S. Rishton,

Market Square Pharmacist.

LOCAL NEWS.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

Toques and Tams, Ben Gidding.

The largest line of lamps in Old Columbia County at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Mrs. H. S. Wilson is visiting her sister in Wilkes-Barre this week.

Bath Robes, Ben Gidding.

Give us a call and be convinced that we are the best. Gem Steam Laundry.

Miss Letitia Whitney has returned to New York City after spending Sunday in town.

If you want your Christmas gifts correctly and beautifully engraved buy them from J. E. Roys, Jeweler. 11-2t

A suit is a pretty nice present. We have them, Ben Gidding.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wilson, of Market street, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Klase in Benton.

Dress cases, valises and trunks at Ben Gidding's.

If you want a hot water bottle, fountain or bulb, syringe, nipples or baby fittings go to Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

George Howard and family have moved from Danville to Espy. Mr. Howard formerly conducted a studio in Bloomsburg.

At Whary's china store there is a large line of pretty Jardinieres, Vases, Toilet sets, and a great assortment of china, glassware, etc. 4-3t.

Bruce Kelchner has relinquished his conductorship on the motor car, and has purchased the dray line from Daniel E. Krum.

Send your work in early. Gem Laundry will be closed Thanksgiving.

Prof. Phillips, of Bucknell University, delivered two stirring sermons in the Baptist Church on Sunday. Large congregations were present.

Blank books, ledgers, day books, journals, counter books, cash books, legal paper, fools cap, letter paper and all stationery supplies at Mercer's Drug and Book store.

A Smoking Jacket makes a nice Xmas present. We have them, Ben Gidding.

G. Edward Lewis has recovered from his recent serious illness but is not yet strong enough to resume his position in the postoffice.

Try Dr. Hess' Chicken Panacea, it will make your hens lay. At Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Dr. J. P. Welsh is an instructor before the Wyoming County teachers institute in session at Tunkhannock this week.

All Philadelphia papers 2 cents, by the month delivered 30 cents, 25 cents a month at the store. J. W. Moyer.

Herman Fritz, son of A. L. Fritz, Esq., has been elected by the Berwick School Board to succeed H. R. Hess as teacher of the A grammar grade.

Mufflers and Silk Handkerchiefs at Ben Gidding's.

No matter how over-worked a thief may be he's satisfied to do without arrest.

Negligee and laundried shirts at Ben Gidding's.

An unsung hero is one who helps a girl into a carriage for another fellow to take riding.

Sweaters for men and boy's 50c. to $5.00 at Ben Gidding's.

The biggest sign does not always advertise the biggest business.

A handsome new line of invitation papers just received at this office. All the latest designs in fashionable type for wedding invitations are here. No trouble to show samples. 11-3t

Hats and Caps at Ben Gidding's.

Isn't it provoking when you are in a hurry to be preceded to the free delivery window at the post office by a person who asks for the mail of five or six?

Men's Overcoats, slash or straight pocket at Ben Gidding's.

AT TOOLEY & CO'S.

Celery, cranberries, sweet potatoes, spinach, beets, oranges, banana's, grapes, table nuts and grape fruit, at Tooley & Co's.

Prof. C. H. Albert left yesterday for Newark, Delaware, where he will be an instructor in a County institute. He will address the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Y. M. C. A. at Lancaster, Pa.

Underwear in wool and cotton, fleeced and plain at Ben Gidding's.

Preparations for the Christmas festival are now under way with the several Sunday schools of town. This year's musical program will be especially good. The anthems will be sung by augmented choirs in all the churches.

Come in and see us, we'll treat you right. Ben Gidding.

A big assortment of clocks at low prices at Geo. W. Hess.

While descending the steps at the Wheelmen's Club house Saturday evening, S. R. Bidleman, slipped on the ice and plunged forward. In attempting to save himself he struck the palm of his hand on one of the sharp iron pickets, inflicting a severe and painful wound.

ONE CAR LOAD OF CANDY.

Tooley & Company offer special wholesale prices to churches and Sunday Schools.

W. J. Correll & Co. as usual have an immense and varied stock of furniture. Before selecting your holiday gifts see their line of chiffoniers, couches, easy chairs, book cases, chamber sets, parlor sets, and all the latest novelties in furniture. 11-3t

A little son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Housel.

The lowest possible prices on Diamonds at Geo. W. Hess'.

E. J. Bowman's address on "The Welfare of Our Country" was not given Tuesday night. The Court House was open and the speaker was on hand, but there was no audience.

Dorflinger, Hawk's and Mt. Washington Cut Glass at Geo. W. Hess'. No acid finish or no seconds in my stock. Nothing but the finest.

FOR A CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Everything in season at Tooley & Co's.

On account of the inability of the district to secure coal, the Sunbury school board has decided to extend the Christmas vacation a week beyond the usual period, making it three weeks. It is expected that by the time the schools are re-opened a supply of fuel will have been received.

VISIT TOOLEY & CO'S.

See their Christmas display. Get their prices in candy before buying elsewhere.

Plush caps 50c. to $2.50 at Ben Gidding's.

Basket ball in the Normal Gymnasium tomorrow night. Parsons vs. Normal. Al Newton directs the play of the visitors and a good game is looked for.

Buy your Sterling silver spoons of Geo. W. Hess. Gorhams make, all substantial weights.

PURELY PERSONAL

Rev. A. Houtz of Orangeville was in town yesterday.

W. H. Beck, of Orangeville, gave us a call on Tuesday.

J. N. Thompson of Wilkes Barre spent Sunday in town.

J. M. Fairchild, of Berwick, was at the county seat on Friday.

Mrs. W. N. Hosler, of Fishingcreek, spent Wednesday in town.

W. B. Wilson, of Bendertown, was among our callers during the past week.

Washington Farr, former County Commissioner, was in town on Thursday.

Ex- Commissioner, A. B. Herring, of Orange, spent Thursday in Bloomsburg.

Jonathan Loreman, of Howellville, came up on Monday and spent the day in Bloomsburg.

Capt. Edward Reese is visiting his daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Hartman.

Mrs. J. P. Brittain has gone to Washington to spend the winter with her son M. J. Brittain.

Charles Eyer, a School Director and leading citizen of Scott township, spent Thursday in town at the Institute.

Geo. W. Hess is headquarters for Paul E. Wirt fountain pens. The largest assortment in town.

Ask Mercer for it, if he has not got it he will get it for you. Try it.

Our theater goers will be delighted to learn that The Missouri Girl will return to the Opera House, next Wednesday night Dec. 17th. This wonderfully successful comedy drama is one that never grows old. Any person with average intelligence can enjoy the performance time and again without growing weary. The comical situations, the droll wit, the ludicrous characters, and the interesting specialties are always a source of great pleasure to all who see it. Sadie Raymond will be the Missouri Girl, while the funniest of comedians, Fred Raymond, will be seen as Zeke. You all remember him.

Umbrellas! Umbrellas for an Xmas present at Ben Gidding's.

The largest and finest assortment of Watches and Rings that we have ever shown at Geo. W. Hess'. Prices right.

L. E. Whary has Haviland and Limoges china in tea and dinner sets, also in open stock and odd pieces. Here are some of the odd pieces: Mayonaize, fruit and cake dishes, salad bowls, chocolate sets, sugar and cream sets, oat meal sets, bouillons and ramacons, bon-bons, nut dishes, tea strainers, etc. No nicer Christmas gifts can be found. 4-3t.

Sadie and Fred Raymond are to be with us again next Wednesday night Dec. 17th in that famous comedy The Missouri Girl, and it is unnecessary to state that the house will not be large enough to accommodate the people who would like to attend the performance. The play and company have made such a decided hit on former visits that it is hardly necessary to do more than announce the date to secure a packed house. Mr. Raymond promises even a grander performance than was given before.

Car loads of apples are being shipped from Benton and vicinity to the Philadelphia markets. An agent is going through the country and buying up the fruit.

Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets at Ben Gidding's.

The Morning *Press* came out in an eight page form yesterday, to continue until after the holidays.

Children's Overcoats, all kinds at Ben Gidding's.

The "Red Cafe" was presented to a slim audience in the Opera House here Thursday evening. As is usually the case, the attraction was a meritorious one, in fact one of the finest ever seen in this town, and the people did not turn out. It is seldom, indeed, that a company of such general strength comes this way, every member was capable. The scenery too was beautiful. In spite of the poor attendance the play was presented in full, and no part was slighted. The Company will return in January, and all who enjoy seeing a good play and one which points its moral in a healthy fashion, should attend.

Gilmore's Toy Bazaar.

For many years at the holiday season William H. Gilmore has offered an immense assortment of toys and games suitable for Christmas gifts for the little ones. This year he has surpassed all former efforts. The store room is full of goods and besides this the entire third floor has been turned into a toy shop. Here are dolls, wagons, iron toys, wooden toys, mechanical toys, dishes, tree decorations, drums and thousands of other things. The stock is now ready and the public is invited to call. 20-4t.

10% IMPORTANT 10%

One Price to All Alike.

We do not believe in selecting a few, whether School Teachers, Ministers, Dressmakers, Etc., to give a special discount of **10%** on their purchases, but from **this date** till further notice we will **allow everybody**

Ten Per Cent. Discount

on all purchases of 50 cents and over. We guarantee our prices now as low as equal qualities are sold by any one, and **all alike** are now entitled to **10%** discount.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

The Xmas Buying.

This store is all ready to serve you with all kinds of goods suitable for gift giving or your own personal use.

Dress Patterns.

Full lines of all kinds of black and colored dress goods for all purposes. These always make useful and acceptable gifts.

Neck Furs.

Complete lines from $1.00 to $25.00. They make useful gifts.

Xmas Handkerchiefs.

A big assortment. Some special lots you should see at 10, 12½, 15, 25, and 50 cents.

Sterling Novelties,

A lot of 25 cent articles to go at 19 cents each. See them.

Trimmed Hats.

Big reduction in price on all our trimmed hats. They're big bargains. All the newest styles; all our fine pattern hats at half price. If you have a hat need see these.

Silks and Velvets.

Full lines for all purposes. We call special attention to our line of velvets for dresses and waists.

Xmas Umbrellas.

A full line for Ladies and Gents. All grades. See them.

Xmas Waistings.

A new line of these just in time for gift selection.

All purchases of 50 cents and over subject to 10 per cent discount. This makes your Christmas buying lighter.

H. J. CLARK & SON.

SHOES OF ALL KINDS,

except inferior shoes, can be found here. We offer honest material whether it be calf or kid, and made up in an honest manner, into stylish and durable footwear, for men, women and children.

Any and every new shape or style that is worthy of consideration will be found in our stock Our ladies' shoes, at $2.00, have had a remarkable sale. Their merits have won friends everywhere. Another good shoe is Colonial Dame, at $2.50

F. D. DENTLER.

TALK NO. 40.

WATCHES....

WE are always ready to sell you the right kind of a timepiece at the right kind of a price. There is nothing better than the best, and no honest man can sell an honest article lower than the low water mark. There is a limit both ways and we come up to those limits and offer you as good as you can get as cheap as it can be sold. If you want an honest, reliable watch at the lowest possible price, come and see our Holiday line, which includes a splendid variety of the latest in Ladies' and Gentlemen's Watches.

Geo. W. Hess,

Optician and Jeweler, Bloomsburg, Penn'a

Cloissoniere Vases.	French Plaques, $3.50.
Fancy Austrian Vases 75 to 5.00	German Vases, $1.00 to $5.00.
Fancy Bohemian Vases, $1.00 to $4.00.	Japanese Vases.
Bronze Figures $2.50 to $6.00.	Japanese Jardinieres, $5.00 to $6.00

Salad Bowls, Cereal Sets, Chocolate Pots,
Mayonnaise Bowls, Berry Sets, Fruit Plates
Cream and Sugar Sets, Salts and Peppers.
Tea Pots, Fern Dishes, Pictures,
Bon-Bon Dishes, Bread and Butter Plates,
Soup Plates, Dinner Plates.

We carry these articles in Japanese, French, Austrian, German and Bohemian ware.

J. Lee Martin, JEWELRY AND ART GOODS.
Telephone 1842.

Box papers from 10c. to 50c. Tablets from 5 to 25c. Envelopes from 5 to 16c. per pack. All stationery at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Isaiah Hagenbuch purchased the Dr. Evans property on Fourth street at public sale for $4,750.

Lamps to burn at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

We carry a nice assortment of Twelve Mo. Books bound in cloth for 19c. Some of the more popular titles are Robinson Crusoe, Black Beauty, Black Rock, John Halifax, Arabian Nights, etc., at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

No cracked collars at the Gem Steam Laundry. Try us.

A DINNER TO HARLAN

Supreme Court Justice on the Bench Twenty-five Years.

SPEECH BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Brilliant Assemblage Attends the Function—Three Sons and Daughter of the Kentucky Jurist Grace the Occasion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The dinner by the bar of the supreme court of the United States at the New Willard hotel to Mr. Justice John Marshall Harlan in recognition of the completion of twenty-five years of service on the bench of the supreme court was a brilliant function. The banquet hall was handsomely illuminated and the tables elaborately decorated with palms, American Beauty roses and laurel.

In the absence of Attorney General Knox Mr. Wayne MacVeagh presided. When the guests had been seated,

JUSTICE HARLAN.

grace was said by the Rev. Richard D. Harlan of Lake Falls, Ill., the eldest son of the justice, who had come to Washington especially for the occasion. Justice Harlan was in his happiest mood and gave every evidence of his appreciation of the honor bestowed on him. His two other sons, James S. Harlan, chief justice of Porto Rico, and John Maynard Harlan of Chicago, were also present, while Mrs. and Miss Harlan and a host of friends were interested spectators in the gallery. A hidden orchestra played popular airs throughout the evening.

Interest in the banquet outside of Justice Harlan centered in President Roosevelt. His arrival shortly after 9:30 o'clock was the signal for a great outburst of applause. The president warmly congratulated Justice Harlan, grasping him by both hands before taking his seat. Those at the banquet included members of the cabinet, several senators and representatives, members of the supreme court of the United States, of the court of claims and of the local courts and quite a number of eminent lawyers from outside the city.

Speaker Nixon Ill.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Speaker S. Fred Nixon is ill at his home in Westfield. He has had an attack of heart trouble, to which he is subject. Mr. Nixon has not been well for several weeks. Early in October he was confined to his bed for a week, but had grown better again and was in Albany most of last week, returning home Friday morning in a much weakened condition. Saturday he was confined to his bed and since then has not been permitted to receive callers. His physicians say that with absolute quiet for the present he will recover his strength. His condition has been brought on by overwork, and rest is necessary.

A Horrible Tale of Bacteria.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. — Twelve million bacteria inhabit the skins of half a pound of cherries, according to Dr. Ehrlich, a German scientist, who has made extensive experiments in regard to the infection of fruit with bacteria. Currants come next, with 11,000,000 to every half pound, and grapes next, with 8,000,000. An account of these experiments has been transmitted to the state department by United States Consular Clerk Murphy, at Frankfort. Dr. Ehrlich urges that all fruit be cleaned by either peeling or washing before it is eaten.

Minister Buck Dies Suddenly.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Japanese minister has notified the state department that while Alfred E. Buck, the United States minister to Japan, was on a hunting trip he was taken suddenly ill and expired. The deceased minister was born in Maine, but was appointed to his post from Georgia on April 13, 1897. His service covered a critical and important chapter of Japanese history.

Bishop Doane Heads Regents.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 5.—At a meeting of the state board of regents the Right Rev. William Croswell Doane, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Albany, was elected chancellor, to succeed the late Anson Judd Upson, and Regent Whitelaw Reid was elevated to the position of vice chancellor, to succeed Bishop Doane.

Women Carrying Mails.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—It has recently been brought to the attention of Postmaster General Payne that about twenty-five women are holding positions as carriers in the rural free delivery service.

"Mr. Dooley" Married.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Finley Peter Dunne, author of "Mr. Dooley," and Miss Margaret Abbot, daughter of Mrs. Mary Abbot, formerly of Chicago, have been married in this city.

REED RULES DOOMED

Congressmen Are Tired of Being Bossed by the Speaker.

Col. Henderson's Successor Will Be Simply a Presiding Officer and Not the Autocrat of Congress.

[Special Washington Letter.]

"AND now, in accordance with the constitutional duty devolved upon me, I declare this house adjourned without day."

Exactly at noon on March 4, 1903, those words will be pronounced by Speaker Henderson, the heavy gavel will resound and the Fifty-seventh congress will come to a close. Speaker Henderson, who retires to private life, will be the last presiding officer of the national house of representatives who shall wield imperial powers over his colleagues.

The rules of the house of representatives, which have been known as the Reed rules, ever since they were promulgated in December, 1899, have given autocratic power to the speaker. Time and again efforts have been made to change those rules, but to no purpose. The republicans have always pointed with pride to the great advance made in national legislation while Reed was speaker; and both parties have agreed that Reed was right in declaring that "a visible quorum" was the constitutional quorum which could proceed "to do business."

But a majority of the house of representatives has been in favor of changing the rules, in some particulars, for at least six years. Congressman Hepburn, of Iowa, has been the leader in the attack upon the Reed rules, and he will continue to be the leader in the fight. It is well known that Col. Hepburn had a majority of the republicans in caucus assembled, in December, 1899, and he could have then forced important changes in the rules, but he forbore. His colleague and friend, Col. Henderson, had just been selected for the speakership, and it would have seemed exceedingly ungracious in a member from his own state to have insisted on curtailing his powers before he was inducted into his high office. If any other than Col. Henderson had been selected for the speakership in December, 1899, the rules would have been surely changed.

There is a great deal of speculation already concerning the speakership of the next congress, but one thing may as well be regarded as settled, and that is, no matter who secures the prize of that exalted position, he will be simply a presiding officer, as the constitution intended him to be, and not a ruler of representatives selected by sovereign constituencies precisely as he was himself selected. The rules will be carefully amended, the main point to be observed being that each representative shall really be a representative — one whose voice and vote shall command attention and respect.

Speaker Reed was autocratic. Speaker Henderson has not been. No more conservative speaker ever occupied the chair than Mr. Crisp, of Georgia, for he was not autocratic. There is no complaint concerning the man who may have been, or who may be, speaker of the house of representatives. Criticism exists concerning the rules rather than con-

HON. WM. P. HEPBURN.
(Iowa Congressman Who Will Lead Attack on Reed Rules).

cerning the man who enforces them. Tom Reed not only ruled the house, but rudely ruled it, at times. But his majority was slender, and he had to be a big boss, or no boss at all.

Whoever shall be chosen for the speakership when the new congress shall have convened on the first Monday of December, 1903, will in all probability be allowed the power of the appointment of the committees and committee chairmen; and that will be power enough for one man to wield over his fellow representatives. But he will not be allowed to command all legislation through the committee on rules. There is where the representatives will check the one-man power of which so many have complained during the past six years.

It is well remembered that Speaker Reed blandly smiled when a petition signed by a majority of the house of representatives was presented to him, praying for consideration of the bill for the Nicaraguan canal. Remember, a majority of the members of the national house of representatives—think of it! That majority had elected, had created the speaker, but under their rules those representatives were obliged to petition their creature, the speaker, and pray for permission to legislate as a majority desired to represent. And what came of it? Speaker Reed said that he would "give it consideration." He was as good as his word. He did give the matter consideration until the close of the congress, but he did not permit the majority to rule. He never allowed the bill to come before the house at all.

Now it does not require a constitutional lawyer to explain that the constitution of this republic of the people never intended that one man should throttle the representatives of the people, and prevent them from legislating. That is the stand which is taken by Col. Hepburn and a majority of the house; and that is the reason that it is easy to fore-

HON. CHAS. E. LITTLEFIELD.
(Maine Congressman Who Wants to Succeed Speaker Henderson).

see that the rules will be changed, so that no man who may occupy the chair of the speaker shall have such imperial power in this republic. It is barely possible that the house will name its own committees, as the senate does; but that reform is not so imminent.

So long as the speaker is permitted to name the committees and dole out the chairmanships there will be deals possible in contests for the speakership. For example, four years ago, a New York man was a candidate for the speakership, and, if he had succeeded, a Kansas man would have taken his place as chairman of the committee on Indian affairs. Naturally enough the Kansas man supported the New York man for the speakership, and thereby consulted his own self interests.

Under existing rules no representative of the people is allowed to lift his voice in debate, no matter what outrages (according to his opinion) may be under contemplation. The speaker sits in his exalted position, and never sees nor hears any representative of the people who may clamor for recognition, unless the representative shall have previously called and stated his business and secured permission from the speaker to address the house. In that event, if the speaker fully understands the situation and agrees to "give recognition," as they term it, the representative of the sovereign people may be recognized and heard.

It will be news to a majority of readers that the representatives of the people do not present anything at all under existing rules in the house of representatives. The member of congress is regarded as a great man at home, but as he nears Washington he shrinks. When he gets here, he finds that he is only one of a small herd of individuals who have no rights whatever, except which are accorded charitably by the older members and the speaker.

Under existing rules every bill offered is referred to an appropriate committee for consideration. That looks well on paper. But the presiding officer scans the bills, and informs the chairman of each committee which bills shall be considered and which shall not be considered. To such an autocratic condition have the rules brought the house that not even before a committee of the house does a representative of the people have any chance of success, without the consent of the speaker. For example, you or some friend may have a bill providing for the payment of a claim arising out of the civil war. A bill is introduced and referred to the committee on war claims. Your bill may not amount to more than $1,000, and it may be a just claim. But the speaker tells the chairman of the committee that the claims in all similar bills amount to upwards of $9,000,000, and that none of those bills shall be reported. The chairman, who was appointed by the speaker, does as he is ordered; and your bill dies with all others by that peremptory order—no matter whether right and justice are on your side.

After the damnable outrage of the centuries, the villiany of all cycles of civilization, the explosion of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, while all of our people were clamoring for vengeance, determined upon war to drive from this continent the nation that had requited our friendly visit with assassination, Speaker Reed refused the petitioners of the house permission to consider resolutions for the declaration of war. On that occasion the people rode over the speaker and all rules, because the provocation was so great.

But, ordinarily, the speaker rules congress, and the time is not far distant when those rules must be changed.

SMITH D. FRY.

Increase in Wages.

Within 50 years the wages of American factory workers have doubled.

THOMAS NAST DEAD.

Our Consul at Guayaquil Succumbs to Yellow Fever.

GUAYQUIL, Ecuador, Dec. 8.—Consul General Nast is dead after a three days' illness with yellow fever. He was interred at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The funeral was attended by the governor, the consular corps, the American colony and by many friends. The coffin was wrapped in the stars and stripes. The British consul recited a prayer in the cemetery.

The death of Mr. Nast is deeply lamented by the natives, who held him in high esteem.

Thomas Nast was nominated consul general at Guayquil May 1, 1902, and left New York for his post July 1. He arrived at Guayaquil the latter end of the same month. Consul Nast was born in Landau, Bavaria, Sept. 27, 1840, and came with his parents to the United States six years later. He early developed the artistic ability which made him famous as a caricaturist and cartoonist. For years he was traveling artist for British and American newspapers and in 1860 and 1861 was with Garibaldi in Italy. Afterward he was with Harper's Weekly as political cartoonist.

PRODUCES HEART BEATS.

Interesting Discovery Reported From the University of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—The discovery of a new means of causing rhythmic beats in a strip of heart muscle is announced from the University of Chicago. The stimulus is oxygen, and Dr. David J. Lingle is the discoverer. He has been working on the lines of Professor Loeb's announcement made two years ago that a solution of salt would start a heart to pulsating.

It has long been known that the heart is extremely sensitive to ogygen and to carbon dioxide, the gas produced in vitiated air, but heretofore the action of oxygen has been thought to be confined to the purification of the blood. Dr. Lingle shows that this gas has the power directly to sustain the beats of a strip of heart muscle removed from the body of a turtle and to keep it going for from twenty-four to seventy-two hours. Even then the muscle stopped only because dissolution set in, and, in fact, the strip continued to beat for twenty-four hours of the seventy-two with part of it already dead.

Santiago to Havana by Rail.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, Dec. 9.—Two thousand persons, among them the American representatives of the Cuba company, witnessed the departure at 7 o'clock yesterday morning of the first regular train to Havana with 150 through passengers. The crowd gave the train an enthusiastic send off. The Cuba company publishes liberal freight and passenger rates, and it is anticipated that the opening of the railroad will lead to the rapid development of the interior of the island.

Shot While Playing Indian.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Ford L. Messinger, the fourteen-year-old son of Charles G. Messinger, a prominent contractor of this city, was shot by a companion, Arthur Morris, with whom he was playing Indians. The boy received the charge of a shotgun which was supposed to be unloaded, destroying his right eye and inflicting wounds which may prove fatal.

Actor Johnstone Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—After lingering for nearly a week Barry Johnstone, the actor who last Monday night shot himself after killing Kate Hassett, a member of Keith's Bijou theater stock company, is dead at the Hahnemann hospital.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Money on call firm at 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8725 for demand and at $4.8250@4.8265 for 60 days. Posted rates, $4.84½ and $4.88. Commercial bills, $4.8275@4.8325. Bar silver, 47⅝c. Mexican dollars, 37c. Government bonds steady. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. Closing prices:

Atchison.....	82¼	Ontario & West.	29¾
Ches. & Ohio...	46½	People's Gas ...	101¼
Del. & Hudson.	158¾	Reading	59¼
Erie.....	33½	Rock Island	41⅞
Lead.....	26½	St. Paul	172¾
Louis. & Nash.	120	Sugar Refinery.	121⅝
Manhattan Con.	147¾	Texas Pacific ..	41
Missouri Pac....	106	Union Pacific ..	99⅝
N. Y. Central...	153¾	Wabash pref. ..	42⅜

New York Markets.

FLOUR—Ruled quiet and firm at old prices; Minnesota patents, $3.90@4.15; winter straights, $3.45@3.55; winter extras, $2.85@3.10; winter patents, $3.60@3.90.

WHEAT—Firm and fairly active on higher cables, covering and small northwest receipts; May, 80@80 5-16c.

RYE—Steady; state, 54@54½c., c. i. f., New York; No. 2 western, 52c., f. o. b., afloat; No. 2, 54@54½c., track.

CORN—Advanced with wheat and on steady cables, coupled with light receipts and local covering; January, 55½c.; May, 49@49¼c.

OATS—Dull, but firmer, with corn; track, white, state, 37@42c.; track, white, western, 37@42c.

PORK—Steady; mess, $18@18.50; family, $18@18.25.

LARD—Firm; prime western steam, 11.30c.

BUTTER—Firm; state dairy, 20@27c.; extra creamery, 30c.

CHEESE — Firm; state, full cream, fancy, small, colored, September, 13½c.; late made, 13c.; small, white, September, 13½c.; late made, 13c.; large, colored, September, 13½c.; late made, 13c.; large, white, September, 13½c.; late made, 13c.

EGGS—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, average best, 30c.; western, fancy graded, 28@29c.

SUGAR—Raw firm; fair refining, 3 7-16@3½c.; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 15-16@4c.; refined firm; crushed, 5.45c.; powdered, 4.95c.

TURPENTINE—Steady at 53½@54c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, 30@40c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, 4¼@6¾c.; Japan, 4⅜@5¼c., nominal.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 6c.; country, 6¼@6⅜c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 55@70c.; good to choice, 95c.@$1.

Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Market steady; choice, $6@6.10; prime, $5.60@5.75; good, $5.25@5.40; veal calves, $7@8.25.

HOGS—Market lower; prime heavies, $6.30@6.35; mediums, $6.10@6.15; heavy Yorkers, $6.05@6.15; light Yorkers, $6@6.05; pigs, $5.90@6; roughs, $5@6.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market steady; best wethers, $3.90@4.10; culls and common, $1.50@2; choice lambs, $5.40@5.65.

Sickness steals more savings than the burglar. Slowly, coin by coin, the money that has been so hardly earned is paid out for drugs and doctors. Sickness is the worst enemy of the working man, and the common cause of the working man's sickness is disease of the stomach often involving the heart, lungs, liver, or kidneys.

The use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will stop the stealing of the savings by sickness. It cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It cures diseases of heart, liver, lungs, kidneys, etc., when these diseases are caused by the diseased condition of the stomach and its allied organs.

"About ten years ago I began to have trouble with my stomach," writes Wm. Connolly, of 335 Walnut Street, Lorain, Ohio. "It got so bad I had to lay off quite often two and three days in a week, my stomach would bloat, and I would belch up gas, and was in awful distress at such times. I have employed and been treated by the best doctors in the city but got no help whatever. By some way or other I happened to get hold of a vial of your 'Pellets,' and I thought they helped me. It was then I wrote to you for advice. You told me that by my symptoms you thought I had liver complaint, and advised the use of your 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pleasant Pellets' in connection. These medicines I have taken as directed, and am very happy to state that I commenced to get better from the start and have not lost a day this summer on account of my stomach. I feel tiptop, and better than I have for ten years."

Accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery." Nothing else is "just as good."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate the bowels.

McClure's for December.

Ends the Year Better than Ever.

The Christmas *McClure's* is primarily a holiday fiction number, but the four articles represent the very cream of the month's magazines writing. Two of them make more absorbing reading than ninety-nine stories in a hundred. That remarkable piece of pioneer investigation, Miss Tarbell's History of Standard Oil, has for its second installment "The Rise of the Standard Oil Company." It is virtually a biography of John D. Rockefeller from 1857, when his name first appeared in the Cleveland city directory, his occupation given as bookkeeper, to 1872, when the Standard, having absorbed or crushed all the independent refineries of Cleveland, was preparing to pounce down on the Oil Regions and secure its monopoly of the crude. The events of these years unfold in Miss Tarbell's narrative like the scenes of a great play. Another article which tells a true story more interestingly than fiction is Lincoln Steffens', "The American Man on Horseback." This is an account of the annual bronco busting contest at Denver for the championship of the world. The principal characters in it are the two best riders and the two worst horses in the West—Thad Sowder and Frank Minor, Steamboat and Dead-easy. The illustrations, all taken from photographs, are hair-raising in their suggestion of broken necks. John Mitchell's article on the Coal Strike speaks for itself. Of great interest is the editorial announcement that it will be followed by two articles by Ray Stannard Baker presenting the non-union miners' side of the question. John La Farge's noble appreciation of Albrecht Durer completes his series of papers on old masters, the most notable contributions to art criticism of recent years. The reproductions of Durer's famous engravings are beautifully done.

The fiction is of unusual merit even for a fiction number. There are four love stories, all first-class and no two alike. "At the Ebb of the Tide," by Henry C. Rowland, introduces a band of castaways on a south sea island—a banker, an earl, a countess and a Yankee mate; "Mr. Potter's Vacation," by Herbert D. Ward, shows a twentieth century broker, with Marconi's aid, captaining a great commercial struggle across 1,000 miles of ocean; "Thursday at Three," by David Graham Phillips, tells how an enterprising reporter got a famous interview and his bride at the same time; and "Briner's Wheat," by Charles Fleming Embre, is a charming love tale of harvest time. Herminie Templeton contributes the best yet of her Irish folk lore tales, "Darby O'Gill and the Leprechaun." "The Last Choice of Crusty Dick," is the story of an Apache massacre in the desert, a piece of writing that grips you like steel hooks. Two stories of child life fully up to the *McClure* standard are "A Christmas Present for a Lady," by Myra Kelly, and "A Speedway Sermon," by Empeigh Merwyn. The first is a sketch of an east side school delightfully droll and tender. Josephine Dodge Daskam also has a pretty poem of childhood called "Dreams." Altogether the December number makes a great finish to a great year for *McClure's Magazine*.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS WILL BEAR THE FLAG.

For The First Time in our History National Emblem is Used.

For the first time since 1869 and practically since the establishment of the United States postal system the people will have the privilege of using a postage stamp bearing the flag of the republic, with the issuance of the new series of postage stamps now in process of printing.

The stamp displaying prominently the Stars and Stripes will be the two cent denomination, but it will bear no resemblance to the two cent stamp in use today. Washington's portrait, which has appeared upon the common letter postage stamp since the beginning of the use of postage stamps, except during the single year 1869, when the portrait of Washington was displaced to make room for a wild and woolly, wide-stacked, wood burning locomotive of the "Rocket" type, will again occupy the position of honor upon the label, but the bust of Washington, so long familiar to the public, will disappear, probably forever.

The portrait of Washington, drawn from Jean Atonie Houdon's profile cast, is abandoned, to be succeeded by a photo direct from Gilbert Stuart's famous painting, which now adorns the national Capitol building.

It is remarkable that considering the deference paid the flag by Americans that the flag has, hitherto, been practically ignored in the designing of postage stamps. Just one year, in 1859, and then upon a stamp the general public rarely if ever saw—the thirty-cent denomination—has the flag had a postal stratus. In the stamp mentioned there was an eagle and a coat of arms with two flags.

The public has many times indicated a desire that the flag should be accorded a place of prominence upon one of the much-used values, but until now the department has not responded to this desire. When the Columbian series, commemorating the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, was projected the department was flooded with letters requesting that one of the denominations be given to the flag. Later, when the trans-Mississippi set was contemplated, another avalanche of requests was hearled at the departmeut; and two years ago at the time of the designing of the two-colored Pan American series the people clamored for a place for the Stars and Stripes.

The department has not been unmindful of the wishes of the people, but mechanical difficulties have seemed to preclude the possibility of producing a "flag" stamp that would meet the approval of the department, and no effort has been made to produce one.

A man's conscience will always tell him when somebody else is doing wrong.

A widow usually looks blacker than she feels.

"I feel as if I should fly to pieces." How often these words are on a woman's lips. They express to the uttermost the nerve racked condition of the body, which makes life a daily martyrdom.

If this condition had come suddenly it would have been unbearable. But the transition was gradual. A little more strain each day of the vitality. Any woman would be glad to be rid of such a condition. Every woman tries to be rid of it. Thousands of such women have been cured by Dr. Pierce's treatment with his "Favorite Prescription" when local doctors had entirely failed to cure.

"Favorite Prescription" contains no opium, cocaine or other narcotic.

The saloon presents a bar to many a man's success.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.—In spite of the fact that the word dyspepsia means literally bad cook, it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas Dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that—let us hope so for the sake of the cook! The disease dyspepsia indicates a bad stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stomach vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be

Nothing succeeds like success, unless it is imitation.

DROPSY AND HEART DISEASE.—"For ten years I suffered greatly from Heart Disease. Fluttering of the Heart and Smothering Spells made my life a torment. Dropsy set in. My physician told me to prepare for the worst. I tried Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. One dose gave great relief, one bottle cured me completely."—Mrs. James Adams, Syracuse, N. Y.—54
Sold by C. A. Kleim.

Gossip travels fast enough without wireless telegraphy.

CINNAMON-COATED PILLS.—Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills are coated like a cinnamon drop, very small and delightful to take. One pill a dose, 40 in a vial for 10 cents. Their popularity is a whirlwind, sweeping competitors before it like chaff. No pain, no griping, no inconvenience.—55
Sold by C. A. Kleim.

The dreamer seldom wakes up to find himself famous.

ECZEMA RELIEVED IN A DAY.—Dr. Agnew's Ointment will cure this disgusting skin disease without fail. It will also cure Barber's Itch, Tetter, Salt Rheum, and all skin eruptions. In from three to six nights it will cure Blind, Bleeding, and Itching Piles. One application brings comfort to the most irritating cases. 35 cents.—56.
Sold by C. A. Kleim.

EARLIEST USES OF TOBACCO.

Introduced in Europe by a Franciscan Friar in 1494 in the Form of Snuff.

Tobacco was first used in Europe as a kind of rude antiseptic and preventer of infection, and in the West Indies, northern America and Africa the inhaling of the dried and powdered tobacco leaf was practiced long before the herb was known in Europe, according to a writer in the Detroit News-Tribune. The same is probably true of smoking. The use of tobacco was introduced into Europe by a Francescan friar named Ramon Pane, who accompanied Columbus on his second voyage to the West Indies in 1994. He was sent ashore at Cuba in charge of an exploring expedition, and reported on his return that he had found the natives snuffing this powdered herb, which they did through a short, hollow cane. He introduced the practice into Europe, but it was not until 1560 that the plant was cultivated in Europe.

Jean Nicot, who had been British ambassador at Lisbon, began tobacco growing in France in that year, and through this circumstance the herb got its name nicotine. Snuff was first used as a relief from catarrh and stoppages of the nasal passages, and the first personage to make the use of it popular was the famous Catherine de Medici, and her son, Charles IV., also used it as a relief from chronic headache. The great Catherine's patronage caused snuff to be called "Herbe a la Reine." It became enormously popular as a preventive in England after the great plague of 1660.

FARMERS IN CANADA.

Great Rush to the Northwestern Territory of the Dominion in Last Two Years.

The extent to which emigration from the United States to the northwest part of Canada has developed within the last lustrum is one of the most remarkable facts in the recent history of the dominion, says the London News. It is almost suggestive of gold "rush." Lord Burghelere stated in the house of commons recently that last year the number of settlers from the states was 50,000; this year it was calculated at 200,000. This would indeed be startling if it were true. It would suggest an "outlander" problem of vast proportions for Canada. But the facts, though striking, are not so startling as Lord Burghelere indicated. The emigration began in 1897 with a modest total of 712. This handful of pioneers was followed the next year by 9,119, and since then there has been a steady increase, until the figures for the present year, so far as it has gone, stand at 24,100. We have heard much of the "American invansion" of England, but it has been the invasion of money and methods. The American invasion of Canada is a more serious affair. It is the invasion of men who will become voters and taxpayers, and who will permeate the country with American sentiment and American preferences. Perhaps the most significant feature of the matter is that there should be this great stream of immigration from the states. We have been so accustomed to regard that land as the land of the immigrant that we need to revise our impressions now that it is becoming the land of the emigrant also.

NEW ZEALAND AN IDEAL LAND

It Is a Country from Which Pauperism Has Been Almost Entirely Eradicated.

"The best country I have seen in all my jogging about the world is New Zealand," said Mr. Arthur Malone, of London, visiting Washington, reports the Post. "It is true that the government is almost purely paternal, but it is such a benevolent paternalism, and the people seem to thrive under it so well that there is little room for hostile criticism. It is a country where pauperism has been practically abolished and where every man who is desirous of a home can secure one. The government will not permit a monopoly of land, and those who had big tracts were forced to surrender them so that the poor could get farms. I do not mean to say that New Zealand is a paradise, or that its people are so far elevated above the rest of mankind that they are without the usual shortcomings of humanity, but altogether I consider that they have as nearly a perfect system of government as could be devised, and that nowhere on earth is the status of the individual better. If your American coal fields were in New Zealand a strike would be an impossibility, for they would be operated by the state, pro bono publico."

Look Out for This One!

The latest swindle is the offer by traveling salesmen of a so-called "rerurrection plant," guaranteed to keep flies, roaches and other insects out of the house. They sell at 50 cents and less, if the agent is not able to get the price. It is a dear plant at any price, for it has no more virtue than a four-leaf clover.

Use of Blockhouses by Boers.

Many of the blockhouses built in South Africa by Kitchener's troops are now being used by the Boer farmers as residences pending the rehabilitation of their farms.

Great Britain's Crops.

The agricultural returns of Great Britain for 1902 show that the total under crops and grass was 32,387,765 acres—a decrease of 29,480 compared with 1901.

Had Got Partially Over It.

"You haven't voted yet?"

"No, and I ain't going to. I don't care a dog-gone how the election goes."

"You don't seem to realize, my friend, what an inestimable privilege the ballot is."

"O, don't I? I realize it so well that I got six months fur exercisin' it in four different wards in one election, begosh!"—Chicago Tribune.

Reciprocity.

Wife—I've been thinking, dear, ever since you gave me Hugo's works for my birthday, which you said you'd been longing to read, what present I would make you on your birthday. Now what do you say to a pair of opera glasses, like Maud's? They are heavenly, and you know how I long for them every time I go to the theater.—Judge.

A Complicated Transaction.

"Did Billings borrow five dollars from you?"

"Yes."

"That's too bad!"

"Don't you think he will be able to pay me?"

"Oh, yes. He'll be able to pay. I bet him ten dollars that he couldn't coax the loan out of you."—Washington Star.

A Bargain at $49.70.

"When it comes to singing," exclaimed the nightingale, sneeringly, "you're of no use. You couldn't touch a high note in your life."

"In my life? No," replied the bird of paradise, "but I'll be embalmed upon a bonnet some days, and then I'll make a $50 note look like 30 cents."—Philadelphia Press.

Why It Was All Right.

"You needn't be at all afraid to speak to papa, George. I am sure it will be all right."

"What makes you think so?"

"He asked me last night what your business is, and when I said you were a retired coal dealer he smiled and said he guessed that settled it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Out of Order.

"William," she whispered, shaking him vigorously, "get up. There's a burglar down stairs."

"That's new business and not in order now," replied the eminent parliamentarian, sleepily, "while there's unfinished business before the house. I've got to dispose of this nap of mine first."—Philadelphia Press.

Main Thing.

"I need only one thing now to make my flying machine complete!" exclaimed the haggard inventor.

"What is that?" asked the other man.

"Money," hoarsely replied the inventor.—Chicago Tribune.

Softening the Grief.

Wilson—I lost that fine silk umbrella that I carried in town today.

Mrs. Wilson—Oh, what a pity!

Wilson—Still, there is one consolation. It wasn't mine.—Somerville Journal.

Unhealthy Practice.

Mr. Bacon—I wouldn't put my hair up in curl-papers, if I were you.

Mrs. Bacon—Why not, pray?

"Because all the doctors agree that it is very unhealthy to sleep curled up in bed."—Yonkers Statesman.

Foolish Girl.

Mae—I don't see why Bessie accepted young Roxe.

Ethel—Don't you know that his father is a multi-millionaire?

Mae—That's just it. Why doesn't she marry the old gentleman? He is a widower.—N. Y. Herald.

Futile Effort.

They say they dress to please the men;
But we should think, indeed,
To judge by when the bills come in,
The ladies don't succeed.
—Brooklyn Life.

WHAT'S THE USE?

Visitor—And aren't you going to send your son to college, Mrs. Brisk?

Mrs. B.—No; we've concluded it's useless. You see his hair is so thin that there's no hope of his ever getting on the football team.—Chicago Daily News.

Sensitive.

Cholly—Why, Mabel, I haven't seen you in an age.

Mabel—You horrid thing! How dare you talk of age to me?—Chicago American.

Able to Afford.

Van Grab—I hear you are going to retire from business!

Mr. Largefamily—Yep—my last daughter was married off yesterday.—Brooklyn Life.

A Victim of Opulence.

Marmaduke—Did your physician give you a diagnosis of your disease?

Mallory—Yes; he said I had a bad case of high living and no thinking.—Detroit Free Press.

Can Direct the Vaccination of Teachers.

The recent decision of Judge Rice of the superior court, relating to vaccination, will be read with special interest. The case is one against the board of education of Philadelphia and declares that school authorities have the right to order teachers as well as pupils in the public schools to be vaccinated. A high school teacher in Philadelphia refused to submit to vaccination and was removed. She applied to the courts of Philadelphia for an injunction restraining the board from removing her, but the courts refused to interfere. Then an appeal was taken to the superior court. Judge Rice says that if the school authorities in this state have the right to order the vaccination of the pupils, which they undoubtedly have, it appears clear that they have an equal right to direct the vaccination of their teachers.

Collars and Cuffs, Ben Gidding.

Lives on Milk Alone.

Thos F. Laubach, a justice of the peace at Hazleton, Pa, has spent $2,236 in twenty years for sweet milk and he has consumed all of it himself. Twenty years ago his stomach gave out. He liked to eat, wanted to eat, but when he did eat he suffered. finally the physicians gave up his case. Then Laubach went on an absolute milk diet. He is on one yet. At the age of 70 years he boasts of being one of the healthiest and soundest men in Hazleton he has got out of the way of sitting down to his meals. When he is hungry he calls for a drink of his favorite beverage, and he sips as he works. Laubach has lost all desire for water, coffee or other drink than milk. Of that he consumes about four quarts every day. This he has figured would represent 232 barrels of milk in the 20 years that he has been using it.

We sell everything in men's wear, Ben Gidding.

Good Things To Let Alone.

In places where rural free mail delivery has been established many complaints are made that hunters take pleasure in using the mail boxes as targets. It may not be out of place to call attention to the fact that the law provides a heavy penalty for the destruction of mail boxes, and that the safest way is to let them alone. The fine is up to $1,000 or imprisonment up to seven years for the destruction of a mail box.

Kid and Mocha Gloves in lined and unlined at Ben Gidding's.

Agriculturists Do Not Break the Law.

There is always this to be said in honor of agriculture—its products are always honestly earned, no man engaged in it has ever cause to have a tussel between his avarice and his conscience or study to see how nicely he can violate the intent of law without breaking its letter. Its rewards are never deftly filched from some other man's toil.

Neck-wear! Neck-wear at Ben Gidding's.

He Didn't Know the Purchaser.

Hugh Mulloy, a state game warden, of Freeland, went into one of our stores Monday afternoon and told the merchant that he had been out hunting and had poor luck He did not want to go home with an empty game bag and asked the merchant to help him out. To accommodate him the merchant sold him four pheasants. The next scene, a few minutes later, was in 'squire Edwards' court where the merchant was fined $100 for selling four birds and the costs were about four dollars more.—*Braintrim Messenger.*

Men's Hosiery in all kinds at Ben Gidding's.

An exchange says: A young man down east bought 2,000 fine cigars and had them insured for their full value, smoked them up and then demanded the insurance, claiming they had been destroyed by fire. The case was taken to court and decided in favor of the young man. The insurance company then had the young man arrested for setting fire to his own property, and the same judge ordered him to pay a fine or go to jail for three months.

Dress suits at Ben Gidding's.

A sentimental editor out in Kansas asks: "Are there any sweeter words in the English language than these: 'I love you?'" Perhaps not; but the words; "Here's that dollar I owe you on subscription," are not lacking in delightful enunciation to the ear of a newspaper man.

Eighteen styles of type for calling cards can be seen at this office. A pack of calling cards makes a nice Christmas gift. 11-2t

Old Fashioned Fruit Cake.

An excellent rule for an old fashioned fruit cake, which comes from an experienced housekeeper in Ohio, calls for two pounds of sweet Malaga raisins, seeded; two pounds of currants, carefully cleaned; twelve eggs, one pound of brown sugar, one pound of butter, one fourth of a pound of candied lemon peel, one-fourth of a pound of citron, one-fourth of a pound of candied orange peel, one nutmeg, one teaspoonful of cloves, one tablespoonful of allspice, one tablespoonful of cinnamon, one pound of flour. Cream the butter and sugar, add the yolks of the eggs, well beaten, and the whites whipped to a stiff froth. After this mix the flour, sifted, with the fruit and spices, and stir thoroughly. Bake the cake in a slow oven for three and a half hours. Put a pan of hot water on the grate of the oven if it is too hot. The cake scorches easily, therefore, it is best to place an asbestos mat under it. A gill of brandy and of Jamaica rum are usually added to this cake for flavoring. The cake should be perfectly black when it is taken out of the oven. Let it cool in the pan for four hours, then ice it with a thin icing made by beating the white of an egg in a bowl with a quarter of a pound of powdered sugar. Let the cake dry for two hours more after this. Then beat four ounces of sugar with another white of an egg for ten minutes to make a second icing for the cake. Let this dry for two hours longer, when the cake may be covered with a decorative icing, put on with fancy tubes. Fruit cake should always be heavily iced.

Mackintoshes, a nice Xmas gift, Ben Gidding.

After Another Railroad.

A meeting was held Wednesday afternoon in the director's room at the First National Bank—attended by our leading business men for the purpose of securing the extension of Susquehanna, Berwick & Bloomsburg railroad from Berwick to this place. Resolutions were adopted pledging the support of the business and shipping interests to the new road provided it will run a line to town. Petitions will be prepared for circulation and presentation to the officials for action. This road is said to have the Pennsylvania back of it and if extended to this place would give the line an eastern as well as a western connection. Owing to the elevation a crossing at Berwick would be very expensive and a point farther up the river must be selected if a connection with the North & West Branch is made. As the Pennsylvania practically owns the old tow path the right of way and grade awaits the laying of the rails.—Shickshinny *Echo.*

Cuff and collar boxes at Ben Gidding's.

Gave Short Weight.

The silent crusade of the Shamokin borough officials against farmers and butchers in market who gave short weight and measure was productive of one arrest last week. An officer bought a pound of sausage which looked suspiciously small and by weighing it on three other different scales he found he only had 12 ounces of the product. The farmer butcher was hauled up before a justice and paid a fine and costs. He had retained a lawyer from Sunbury, and his four ounces shy cost him dear.

Sterling silver novelties. The right kind at the right prices. Geo. W. Hess.

ELECTION NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers National Bank of Bloomsburg, for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year, will be held in the directors' room of the Bank on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of two and four p. m.

12-11 tn. M. MILLEISEN, Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg National Bank of Bloomsburg, for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year, will be held in the directors' room of the Bank on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of ten a. m. and twelve m.

12-11 tn. W. H. HIDLAY, Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Briarcreek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Lime Ridge, Pa., will be held at the hall of Centre Grange, No. 56, P. of H., on Tuesday, January 13th, 1903, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., for the election of twelve directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

12-11 3t H. H. BROWN, Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank, of Bloomsburg, Pa., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year will be held at the office of said Bank on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 9 a. m., and 12 o'clock, noon.

E. F. CARPENTER,
12 11-4t Cashier.

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.

Myrtle Bailey, vs Adam Bailey. } Petition in Divorce, No. 134, Sept. T, 1902, Common Pleas, of Columbia County, Pa.

To Adam Bailey, late of said County.

Whereas, Myrtle Bailey, your wife, has filed a libel in divorce as above stated, praying a divorce from you; now, therefore, you are hereby notified and required to appear in said Court on or before Monday, the Second day of February, 1903, to show cause, if any you have, why Myrtle Bailey should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, according to the prayers of the petitioner filed in said Court.

DANIEL KNORR,
12-11-4t Sheriff.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writ of Lev. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pennsylvania and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid on

SATURDAY, DEC. 20th, 1902,

at two o'clock p. m. all that certain messuage tenement and tract of land situate in the township of Franklin, bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a chestnut oak corner of Joseph Bitler's land, and running thence by the same north seven degrees east twenty-eight perches to a stone; thence by the same south eighty-one and one-half degrees east eighty-one perches to a stone; thence by land of Elias Weaver, north six degrees, east forty-two perches to a pine knot; thence by the same north seven degrees east sixteen and two tenth perches to a post; thence by land of Fincher & Thomas and land of John Fortner, deceased, north twenty-nine and one-half degrees west one hundred and fifteen and one-half perches to a post corner of John Hower's land; thence by the same south fifty-eight degrees, west one hundred and eighteen and six tenth perches to a post in line of land of Jacob Kostenbauder, thence by the same south eighty-seven and one-half degrees east six and seven-tenths perches to a white oak, the place of beginning containing

ONE HUNDRED AND ONE

acres and twenty-three perches, whereon is erected a

TWO STORY FRAME HOUSE,

bank barn and other out-buildings.

Seized, taken in execution at the suit of M. A. Bibby guardian of Sterling Manhart, Byron Manhart and Pardee Manhart, minor children of Mary J. Manhart, deceased, vs. Margaret Grimes, administratrix of H. R. Grimes deceased and to be sold as the property of the H. R. Grimes estate.

W. H. RHAWN,
C. A. SMALL, DANIEL KNORR,
L. C. MENSCH, Attys. Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE
—OF—
REAL ESTATE.

Pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, Pennsylvania, the undersigned administrator of the estate of Samuel S. Lowry, late of Madison township, deceased, will expose to sale on the premises on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1903,

at two o'clock in the afternoon the following described real estate:

ALL THAT CERTAIN undivided six-sixteenths of a tract of land situate in said Madison twp., bounded as follows to wit: On the south by lands of William Hartline, on the east by lands of Theodore Runyon and J. M. Smith, on the west by lands of Nelson Kitchen, and on the north by lands of Peter Wolf; being the lands late of Jacob Mills deceased, and containing one hundred and twenty-four acres, whereon are erected a

TWO-STORY FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, A BANK BARN,

wagon sheds, corn cribs and other out-buildings: There is a well of water at the house and a spring at the barn; an apple orchard and some timber.

TERMS OF SALE:—Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property: the one-fourth less ten per cent. at the confirmation of sale; and the remaining three-fourths in one year thereafter, with interest from confirmation nisi.

JOHN G. FREEZE, Attorney. JOHN C. WOLF, Adm. of Sam'l S. Lowry
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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Vend. Exp. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, county and State aforesaid on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1903,

at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following real estate to wit: All that, the right, title and interest of Jacob E. Keifer in all that certain messuage situate in Bloomsburg Pennsylvania, Beginning at a corner of a lot of Wm. Fenstermacher, on south side of Fifth street, and extending eastwardly along said street fifty feet more or less to corner of an alley east of Iron street; thence along said alley southwardly one hundred and seventy-five feet to an alley thence along said alley westwardly to line of lot formerly of Wm. Fenstermacher fifty feet more or less, thence northwardly along line of said Wm. Fenstermacher one hundred and seventy-five feet more or less to Fifth street, the place of beginning; being lot No, 36 in Waller's addition to the town of Bloomsburg, whereon is erected a

TWO-STORY BRICK DWELLING HOUSE,

frame stable and out buildings.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of the Sunbury Beef Company vs. Jacob E. Keifer and to be sold as the property of Jacob E. Keifer.

FREEZE, Atty. DANIEL KNORR, Sheriff.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The stockholders of the Pennsylvania Copper and Mining Co. will hold their annual meeting for the election of a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, on Monday, January 5th, 1903, at the office of the Company's plant in Sugarloaf township, Columbia county, Pa., at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

12-4-4t. JOSIAH P. FRITZ, Secretary.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

A. L. FRITZ,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Office—Bloomsburg Nat'l Bank Bldg., 2d floor.
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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Bloomsburg, Pa.

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From Court House Corridors.

The following couples have obtained marriage licenses since our last issue.

Neiman Shuman and Miss Mazie Grover both of Main township.

William H. Nagle and Miss Flora E. Jones both of Fspy.

DEEDS RECORDED.

William H. Woodin et. al. to William East, land in Berwick.

H. E. McAfee and wife to Lina Abrams, land in Berwick.

Jno. N. Rosley et. al. to Richard Pooley, land in Hemlock township.

Wm. Neal et. al. to Samuel Hutchings, land in Hemlock township.

A. M. Johnson Co. Treas. to Samuel Hutchings, land in Hemlock township.

Elizabeth Hutchings Ex. to Geo. Hutchings, land in Hemlock township.

Geo. Hutchings and wife to Cecelia May Sterner, land in Hemlock township.

Chas. A. Raseley and wife to T. Harvey Doan, land in west Berwick.

J. B. McHenry, Sheriff to Allen R. Johnson, land in Franklin township.

Freas Fowler and wife to American Car & Foundry Co., land in west Berwick.

Daniel B. Derr to Catharine Ammerman, land in Montour township.

Wm. Lohra to Elizabeth Lorah, land in Catawissa.

Isaiah Bower and wife to Ernest Lanning, land it Berwick.

Elias Thomas to Sara J. Thomas, land in Cleveland township.

SHERIEF SALES.

Sheriff Knorr on Saturday afternoon sold the J. E. Spangler property in Catawissa to Harriet Henry, for $1,835.

Calendars for 1903.

Our calendars for 1903 are ready for those who are entitled to them. We have no calendars for persons not patrons of this office. They will be given only to the following:

To any subscriber who pays a year or more on his paper.

To any new subscriber who pays a year in advance.

To any regular patron of the advertising or jobbing department.

This rule will be rigidly adhered to.

To any new subscriber, or to any old one paying all arrears and a year in advance, we will also present a copy of the Bloomsburg Souvenir Book.

Collars and Cuffs, Ben Gidding.

It may interest followers of the sport and others interested in it to learn that during the football season just closed there were twelve fatalities as the result of injuries sustained in football games. About seventy players were seriously injured during the season.

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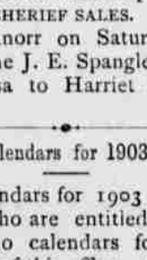

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TOWN COUNCIL.

Business of Considerable Import, Transacted at Thursday Night's Assembly.

D. L. & W. Co. Ratifies Ordinance Relating to the Proposed Switch Across Canal.

President John R. Townsend, presided over the regular December meeting of the Town Council Thursday evening. But four of the six members were present, they were Reimard, Hughes, Wolverton and Giger.

President Townsend stated that he had been informed by Town Engineer Brown that the ditch near Barton's farm, which at a previous meeting it was deemed necessary to pipe, could be filled, which would be considerably less expensive.

An ofter to build the stone arch near Keiter's mill for $510.00 was received from William Ferguson, but inasmuch as two bridge companies had asked for information in regard to the bridge, it was decided to communicate with them, and ascertain the cost of steel bridge.

The secretary, Freeze Quick, reported that Irvin Snyder had paid for two car loads of brick.

The Methodist Episcopal Church trustees presented a petition asking for a vitrefied brick crossing over Market Street at the Church. It was decided to grant the petition.

A petition was presented asking for a crossing over Iron street at the Episcopal Church. On motion duly seconded said crossing was directed to be laid.

William Chrisman, Esq., made a request that a single stone crossing be laid over William Street. On motion duly seconded the crossing asked for was directed to be laid.

The D. L. & W. R. R. Co. presented a petition accepting the ordinance relative to the new switch across the Penna. Canal.

President Townsend stated that the Town Engineer had made a survey of the new road near Irondale and that he was instructed to make blue prints and specifications in order that Council could proceed with its construction.

A communication was received from C. A. Small, Esq., representing Wilson Yeager, of Roaring Creek, asking for damages from the town by reason of the neglient construction of the track of the Columbia and Montour Electric Railroad company, near the bridge crossing Fishing Creek at Rupert, Mr. Yeager's rubber tired buggy having been badly damaged at this point. On motion duly seconded the secretary was directed to notify Supt. Hackett, of the trolley company, to adjust the claim at once.

Solicitor Chrisman entered complaint against the Bloom Water Company on the grounds that they flushed the plugs direct instead of using a piece of hose, thereby causing the streets to wash badly at these points. Referred to committee on Fire and Water to investigate.

Mr. Reimard reported that the Friendship Fire Company was badly in need of hose. The Fire Board not having met for some time for the purpose of considering the needs of the department, on motion duly seconded the various companies were directed to meet with this purpose in view.

The pavement in front of the residence of Mrs. H. C. Hartman, on Market street, was reported by Street Commissioner Neyhard as being in a dangerous condition and also the crossing at alley. On motion duly seconded the secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Hartman to relay pavement within twenty days or the same would be done by the Town with the usual penalty added.

Street Commissioner Neyhard, on motion duly seconded was directed to lay pipes across Third street at the intersection of Market.

James Werkheiser appeared before Council and complained about the condition of the sidewalk along the Henessy property on Leonard street. On motion duly seconded the owners of said property was to be notified to lay pavement within thirty days or the same would be done by the Town with the usual penalty added.

Street Commissioner Neyhard reported that the pavements in front of the Woodward and Freas properties on East street were in bad condition and not in conformity with the grade of the street. On motion duly seconded said property owners were to be notified to lay their pavements to grade at once.

On motion, duly seconded, vitrified brick crossings were ordered to be laid over Sterner and Anthony alleys on Market street.

Street Commissioner Neyhard reported that C. A. Kleim had informed him that proper connections with the sewer had been made to his property on East street.

On motion duly seconded, Health Officer Thomas Webb was directed to make a report to Council at every meeting as to what he had done during the month.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Continued From Last Week.

Sheriff Daniel Knorr acknowledged the following deeds in open court.

Daniel Knorr, Sheriff to Pennsylvania Trust Co. Land in Bloomsburg. Lien creditor's receipt read in open court.

Daniel Knorr, Sheriff to A. M. Yocum. Land in Scott township.

Daniel Knorr, Sheriff to Catherine Ammerman. Land in Montour township.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Smith. Charge, assault with intent, etc. A true bill.

Motion by defendant for a contiuance to February session, 1903.

Recognizance forfeited to be respited, case continued to February session at the cost of the defendant. Bench warrant to issue to the defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Charles McElroy. Charge, assault and battery. Nolle pros. allowed upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. Nelson Kostenbauder. Charge f. and b. Nolle pros. allowed upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. L. E. Agnew. Charge, removing goods from county after levy. Continued to February session. Recognizauce forfeited to be respited, etc.

Commonwealth vs. Joseph Whitecovage. Charge, forgery. Case continued. Recognizance forfeited to be respited, etc.

The jury in the case of Bernhard McGuire, charged with robbery, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

James McDonnel and John O'Brien, who entered a plea of guilty to the charge of having assaulted a Hungarian in Centralia on the evenin of Mitchell Day, were sentenced by the court to pay the costs of prosecution, and each to pay a fine to the Commonwealth of $50.

Lloyd T. Rider vs. Charles T. Hughes. Appeal. Plea, non-assumpsit.

The plaintiff was represented by B. F. Zarr and C. A. Small, Esqs., while C. E. Geyer and C. E. Kreisher, Esqs., cared for the defendants interests.

Grand Jury made the following returns:

Commonwealth vs. Bertha Taylor. Charge, adultery. Not a true bill. Prosecutrix Rosa Crawford to pay costs.

Court sentenced Rosa Crawford to pay the costs of prosecution, give bail to the Sheriff for payment of same within ten days, stand committed, etc.

Commonwealth vs. Michael Grant and James Brennan. Charge, robbery. Not a true bill.

Report of viewers in favor of a county bridge over Chilisquaque Run in Madison township, near Jacob E. Wintersteen's, approved by Grand Jury.

Report of viewers in favor of a county bridge in Center township, over north fork of Briar Creek, near residence of John S. Scott, approved by the Grand Jury.

Bridge over creek in Zehner's Hollow, Briarcreek township, near residence of Thomas B. Shultz, and bridge over creek in Zehner's Hollow, Briarcreek township, near shanty of Alfred Smith. Report of viewers in favor of these bridges apppoved by the Grand Jury.

Lloyd T. Rider vs. Chas. Hughes. This was a case brought by Mr. Rider for the recovery of $96.57 for goods alleged to have been purchased by the defendant at a vendue held by Mr. Rider in the spring of 1892, while he was a tenant on Mr. Hughes, farm in Franklin township. The suit it appears was originally instituted before 'Squire Jacoby, but by mutual consent of the parties was discontinued and the costs paid by Mr. Hughes. A little later, on Dec. 23, 1892, the parties at variance agreed to adjust or settle their differences by arbitration. Three practical farmers of Franklin township were to compose the board, one to be chosen by each of the litigants and the two thus chosen to select the third.

Mr. Hughes, however, claimed to have settled in full with Mr. Rider, the transaction having taken place in G. E. Geyer's law office in Catawissa in Dec. 1892 in the presence of C. J. Fisher, then a law student in the office. One of the considerations upon which Mr. Hughes alleged the settlement was affected was his agreement not to press a claim of $600 which he held against Mr. Rider as follows: $200 for rent, $100 for cutting timber in violation of contract and $300 for careless and indifferent farming of the land.

The trial of the case occupied the court during all of Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. The jury returned a verdict for the defendant Friday morning.

The Grand Jury at Thursday afternoon's session found true bills against the supervisors of Beaver, Hemlock, Mifflin and Orange townships, for refusing and neglecting to repair roads, etc., but in the case of the Commonwealth vs. the Supervisors of Main township, not a true bill was returned, the county to pay the costs.

H. W. Wolf vs. W. H. Miller. Appeal. Defendant pleads non assumpsit and set off. Verdict for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. James Thompson. Charge, surety of the peace. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Gould. Charge, violation of the liquor laws Continued.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Gould. Charge, same as above. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. John Cameron. Charge, f. and b. Nolle pros. allowed upon payment of costs.

The Grand Jury made the following returns:

Report of viewers in favor of county bridge over Green creek where public road crosses said creek near Nelson Budman's, approved by the Grand Jury.

Grand Jury's report read, ordered filed and that a certified copy be made for the County Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

We have examined the public buildings and find that they are in good condition generally. However, we find at the Court House some minor repairs are necessary. We make the following recommendations for the Court House:

1. That a United telephone be placed in the Treasurer's office.

2. That screens be placed over the vault windows in the Prothonotary's and the Register and Recorder's offices.

3. That glass be placed in the upper portions of all doors leading from the main corridor of the Court House and the name of the office lettered thereon, to afford more light in the hall.

4. That the Janitor hereafter keep the rooms of the Court House in good condition at all times and especially during sessions of court.

At the jail we recommend:

1. That electric lights be placed in front of the jail as has been recommended by former Grand Juries.

2. That all doors in the jail and the larger gates be placed in such condition that they can be opened and shut without the use of a crowbar and sledge.

3. That the tiling in the corridor at the front of the jail be repaired as has been recommended by former Grand Juries.

Whereas, The records of Columbia county show that the proper authorities have not been able to secure the services of any person as collector of taxes in Centralia Borough for the year 1902; that considerable difficulty has been experienced in former years in that Borough and Conyngham township in the collection of taxes, and that the Auditors' statement for the year 1901 shows a balance of $3,594.58 due the county from those districts, which default causes extra burdens upon the taxpayers of the other districts of the county, and

Whereas, the records show that about one-half the Commonwealth costs paid out of the county treasury are directly chargeable to cases arising in those districts, therefore we would respectfully recommend that every legal means be exausted if necessary to secure the payments of all taxes in full in those districts, and if no adequate methods now exist to enforce the payment of taxes justly laid upon the citizens of the county, then we would suggest that our members in the General Assembly be requested to use their best efforts to secure the passage of a general law that would empower the proper authorities to appoint collectors in such cases to compel the payment of any taxes that may be levied by the process of law.

All of which is respectfully submitted. BOYD TRESCOTT, Foreman.

Harry P. Crotzer vs. Lizzie L. Crotzer. Divorce. Decree in divorce granted.

Sheriff Daniel Knorr acknowledged the following deeds:

Daniel Knorr, Sheriff to A. P. Fowler, land in Scott township. Lien creditor's receipt read in open Court.

Daniel Knorr, Sheriff, to Citizens' Bank, of Freeland, store and dwelling house properties. Land in Bloomsburg. Lien creditor's receipt read in open Court.

Commonwealth vs. James Revels. Charge, surety of the peace.

Court sentenced defendant to pay costs of prosecution, a fine of $25.00 and that he give bail to Sheriff in the sum of $200 to keep the peace toward all good citizens, and especially toward Margaret Revels, for the period of one year. Stand committed, etc.

SECOND WEEK.

N. J. Hendershott's executor vs. Albert F. Hendershott et. al. Non assumpsit. Judgment against defendant for want of appearance. Also judgment against garnishee in accordance with his answer.

Bonds of C. M. Terwilliger as Prothonotary and Clerk of the several Courts, approved. Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Maryland, as surety.

Petition of Daniel Knorr, Sheriff, for satisfaction of mortgage. Court ordered Wilson Yeager, executor, to satisfy same mortgage.

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Bonds of J. C. Rutter, as Register and Recorder of Deeds, etc., with Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Maryland, as surety, approved.

Commonwealth vs. James Revels. Petition of Daniel Knorr, Sheriff, for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the mental condition of James Revels.

Court appointed R. R. John, Dr. F. W. Redeker and John W. Lewis as commissioners in above case.

Calvin R. Kressler vs. Mary Alice Kressler. Libel in divorce. Subpoena awarded.

Rebecca Fetterman vs. W. B. Allen, executor. Judgment for $692.50 for want of plea.

Paul G. Fry vs. Charles Meyers. Rule for interpleader. Hearing in open Court. Papers in hands of Court.

Bond of George W. Sterner as County Commissioner with Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Maryland, as surety, approved.

William McKelvy's executors vs. Mary L. Neal's executors et. al. Judgment for want of appearance.

James Boyd et. al. vs. Mary L. Neal's executors et. al. Judgment for want of appearance.

Parvin Kile, to use of Alexander G. Hess, vs. C. B. Hess, deceased. Judgment for want of appearance.

Wesley M. Lindermuth vs. Daniel Yoder, Sr., Daniel Yoder, Jr., and Sylvester Yoder. Assumpsit. Judgment in open Court as to Daniel Yoder, Jr., and Sylvester Yoder for want of appearance.

Estate of Cyrus B. Hess. Order of sale granted.

Charles Croft vs. Annie May Croft. Decree in divorce granted.

Clinton Herring appointed auditor to audit and adjust the public accounts.

Rose Gillespie vs. L. E. Agnew. Fi. Fa. Petition for rule for interpleader. Hearing in open Court. Papers in hands of the Court.

The most beautifully engraved jewelry and silverware is bought from J. E. Roys. 11-2t

The Opera House will be thoroughly cleaned, and the stage entirely denuded of all the old scenery for the engagement of the emotional actress Mildred Holland and her excellent company, on December 30th. The play will be Carina Jordan's new romantic drama, "The Lily and the Prince." The piece will be given the same ellaborate production that has characterized its run in the large cities. The scenery, costumes and stage settings will be the most gorgeous ever seen in Bloomsburg. No pains will be spared by the local management to make this Bloomsburg's greatest dramatic event. The prices will be $1.50 for the elevated seats in the center of the house, $1.00 for the front seats in the parquet, 75c. for the rear parquet seats and 50c. for the gallery. Seats may be reserved four days in advance.

For a full line of celery dishes, chop dishes, sherbet glasses, table glasses, moustache cups and saucers, cut glass salt and pepper boxes with sterling tops, go to L. E. Whary's china store. French china in great assortment, in sets or odd pieces, at the lowest prices. Examine his stock before selecting your Christmas gifts. 4-3t.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brink's little daughter, Margaret Jane was painfully scalded Saturday afternoon. In rising from the floor her head came in contact with the bracket of the stove, and the steaming contents of a kettle poured over her.

Genuine seal skin caps $5.00 at Ben Gidding's.

There is no occasion for anyone to go out of town to buy Christmas presents this year. Our merchants are all displaying large stocks of beautiful and useful articles. You can get just what you want right here at home.

Electric seal driving caps $2.50 at Ben Gidding's.

S. J. Johnson will continue as principal of the Millville schools, the school board having refused to accept his resignation. Beside increasing his salary, they have hired a janitor to look after the building.

Dress cases and valises at Ben Gidding's.

Among the improvements contemplated on the Bloomsburg division by the D. L. & W. Railroad Company, next spring is a new station at Catawissa. Since the station was destroyed by fire, now more than a year ago, an old passenger car has been filling the purpose of a ticket office.

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